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SHORTWAVE AIRINGS of WORLD OF RADIO 1929, May 8-14, 2018

Tue 2030	WRMI	9455 7780 [1928 replayed]
Tue 2130	WRMI	9455 7780 [confirmed]
Tue 2330	WBCQ	9330v-CUSB [confirmed]
Wed 1030	WRMI	9455 [confirmed]
Wed 2100	WRMI	9955 [confirmed]
Wed 2100	WBCQ	7490v [confirmed]
Wed 2330	WBCQ	9330v-CUSB [confirmed]
Thu 2330	WBCQ	9330v-CUSB [maybe]
Fri 2330	WBCQ	9330v-CUSB [maybe]
Sat 0630	HLR	6190-CUSB Hamburger Lokalradio
Sat 1431	HLR	6190-CUSB Hamburger Lokalradio
Sat 1930v	WA0RCR	1860-AM
Sat 2130	WBCQ	9330v-CUSB [maybe; or 2330?]
Sat 2300	WRMI	7780 [resumed May 5]
Sun 0200	WRMI	7780
Sun 0310v	WA0RCR	1860-AM
Sun 1030	HLR	9485-CUSB Hamburger Lokalradio
Sun 1900	WRMI	9395
Sun 2330	WBCQ	9330v-CUSB [maybe]
Mon 0130	WRMI	5850, 7780

Mon 0300v	WBCQ	5130v-AM Area 51
Mon 0330	WRMI	9955
Mon 0400	WRMI	webcast only
Mon 2330	WBCQ	9330v-CUSB [maybe]
Tue 0030	WRMI	7730
Tue 2030	WRMI	9455, 7780 [or #1930?]

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Tnx to Dr Harald Gabler and the Rhein-Main Radio Club.
http://www.rmrc.de/index.php/rmrc-audio-plattform/podcast/glenn-hauser-wor

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IMPORTANT NOTICE!!!! WOR IO GROUP: Effective Feb 4, 2018, DXLD yg
archive and members have been migrated to this group:
https://groups.io/g/WOR
[there was already an unrelated group at io named dxld!, so new name]
From now on, the io group is primary, where all posts should go. One
may apply for membership, subscribe via the above site.

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Why wait for DXLD issues? A lot more info, not all of it appearing in DXLD later, is posted at our io group without delay.

** AFGHANISTAN. Fair to good signal of Radio Afghanistan External Service on May 3
1530-1633 6100 YAK 100 kW / 125 deg SAs English/Urdu/Arabic 1633 off
http://swldxbulgaria.blogspot.bg/2018/05/fair-to-good-signal-of-radio.html
(Ivo IvanÛv, SWLDXBulgaria News, May 3-4, WOR iog via DXLD)

** ALASKA. 6045, KNLS, 1208, May 2. Interesting anomaly. During my daily monitoring of the Voice of Freedom here from Korea, I had recently been observing KNLS with strong *1200, in English, but not so today; had Russian audio feed instead; normally would have been // 7355, but not so today, as that frequency indeed was carrying the correct schedule of English audio feed. Probably a one day mix up? (Ron Howard, Asilomar State Beach, CA, EtÛn E1, antenna: 100' long wire, WOR iog via DXLD)

** ALBANIA [non]. Hey Glenn, Just wondering if you knew if Radio Tirana would QSL a report from the WRMI relay? I heard you say it was unofficial/permitted thru RT. I'd like to get one last QSL/something from Tirana. Also, who funds this? Jeff White? If so, that's really great of him (Chris Campbell, Columbus, Ohio, May 4, Sent from Yahoo Mail on Android, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Hi Chris, I don`t recall any such QSLs but if there were any reported, I would have put them in DXLD. WRMI will QSL but probably with their own generic card. Why don`t you try a report direct and see what happens? Not sure about the finances of this (or anything else on WRMI). Thanks for the kind comments (Glenn to Chris, via DXLD)

5850, May 4 at 2301, R. Tirana English opening confirmed via WRMI on its Friday-only broadcast in addition to 6-daily 0200 on 9395; on the G8 in downtown Enid as the Tri-State Music Festival parade is just starting (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST) 5850 at 2300-2330 Mon-Sat was the original timing of the relay in B-17

** ALGERIA [non]. 6050, Radio Algeria, via France, *0358, on May 5. Started with choral National Anthem; 0400 time pips;
I like the ID at 0401 in English - "Radio Algeria"; into Arabic; almost fair (Ron Howard, Asilomar State Beach, CA, EtÛn E1,

antenna: 100' long wire, WOR iog via WORLD OF RADIO 1929, DXLD)

** ALGERIA [non]. TDA Telediffusion d'Algerie via TDF Issoudun May 7
from 0504 on 7295 ISS 500 kW / 194 deg to NWAf French news bulletin
from 0504 on 9535 ISS 500 kW / 162 deg to CEAf French news bulletin
from 0603 on 9620 ISS 500 kW / 194 deg to NWAf Arabic Holy Quran px
http://swldxbulgaria.blogspot.bg/2018/05/reception-of-tda-telediffusion-dalgerie.html
(Ivo Ivanov, SWLDXBulgaria News, May 6-7, WOR iog via WORLD OF RADIO 1929, DXLD)

** AUSTRALIA. 5055, 4KZ at 1340 UT May 1 with pop music like "Moonlight Feels Right" by Starbuck and promos for the KZ Network. Cut off mid song at 1356. Fair 73 (Mick Delmage, Alberta, Rx: Perseus SDR, Ant: Wellbrook ALA100 loop, WOR iog via WORLD OF RADIO 1929, DXLD)

[5055, 4KZ] May 2 - Yet another day of above threshold level audio; 1241 till cut off at 1356* (the same cut off time as noted yesterday!); mostly pop songs, with what sounded like a few commercial announcements; one Elton John song and Whitney Houston with "Saving All My Love for You"; my local sunrise was at 1312 UT. Nice to have them running 1kW now! It does help. Ron

- - - WRTH Facebook page (May 2), regarding my 4KZ reception:

Michael Stevenson:
you get better reception in California than I do here in eastern Australia Ron, well done! (Ron Howard, CA, May 2, WOR iog via DXLD)

- - - - - WRTH Facebook page:

Ron Howard:
May 3 - Again noted 1356* UT cut off on 5055 kHz, which makes three such observations. 4KZ must be on a timer?

Craig Allen [owner & operator of Ozy Radio - Ron]:
Yes they are on a timer and I might install a timer.
(Ron Howard, WOR iog via DXLD)

Ozy Radio 4835 --- ìHopefully back on air next week, tune into Ozy Radio on #4835 kHz #Tecsun Radios.ì @TecsunRadios on Twitter, 4-May Sent from Mail for Windows 10 virus-free. www.avg.com (via Alan Pennington, bdxc-news iog via DXLD)

5055.0, 4KZ, on May 6, with one of their better days; 1313-1356*; pop songs; the Drifters - "Under The Boardwalk," the Box Tops - "The Letter," etc.; several tentative IDs and some commercial announcements

(almost readable); as usual cut off by timer in mid-song; best in USB, to avoid China on 5050. Still with some SSB chatter in Spanish.

May 5, from 1337 till cut off at 1356*; pop songs (Eagles - "Take It Easy," etc.); 1346-1348 ads and/or promos.

5055.0, 4KZ, on May 7, with very respectable reception from this now 1 kW station; 1324 till timer cut off at 1356*; mostly pop songs (Isaac Hayes - "Shaft," Dan Fogelberg - "Longer," The Beatles - "Let It Be," Lovin' Spoonful - "Daydream," etc.). Daily am hearing this fairly well during the last half hour they are on the air. My local sunrise was at 1307 UT (Ron Howard, Asilomar State Beach, CA, EtÛn E1, antenna: 100' long wire, WOR iog via WORLD OF RADIO 1929, DXLD)

** AUSTRALIA. ABC to axe more staff from newsrooms in favour of digital

OVERHAUL OF ABC NEWSROOMS COULD SEE 20 JOBS AXED
http://www.abc.net.au/news/2018-04-30/abc-news-restructure-focus-on-digital-could-see-20-jobs-axed/9710666
(via Tim Gaynor, May 2, WOR iog via WORLD OF RADIO 1929, DXLD) Viz.:

ABC NEWS OVERHAUL OF NEWSROOMS, FOCUS ON DIGITAL, COULD SEE 20 JOBS AXED --- Posted Mon at 2:28am ABC

Photo: Any savings will be reinvested in "newsgathering and content", the News director said. (ABC News) [caption] [linx in original:]

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ABC ditches TV and radio divisions as it seeks digital innovation
ABC cuts jobs to pay for $50m Content Fund, new regional push

Twenty journalists in state and territory newsrooms could lose their jobs under changes announced by ABC News. The positions will be made redundant under a plan to deliver more news on digital platforms.

ABC News director Gaven Morris said the changes are designed to respond to audience demand. "As Australia's major public broadcaster, the ABC is continuing to provide news on traditional platforms at the same time as developing our digital presence to be as accessible as possible for all Australians," he said.

"Overall, it is anticipated around 20 positions would become redundant, and we know this would be painful. Against this, new senior editorial roles would be introduced to add to the expertise and skills in the newsroom."

Mr Morris said he anticipates the newsrooms will end up with the same

number of positions once the changes are fully implemented. In an email to staff, Mr Morris said: "This is not a cost-cutting proposal. Any savings would be reinvested in newsgathering and content."

This latest overhaul follows other restructures in ABC News, including the axing of Lateline in October last year and the creation of new specialist and investigative reporting teams.

ABC News was also affected by a broader restructure announced by managing director Michelle Guthrie in March 2017, which involved the redundancy of up to 200 staff to fund new programs and regional positions.

In a statement, the ABC said while broadcast audiences continue to "soften", the smartphone audience has jumped by almost 30 per cent in the past two years. Staff are being informed of the changes today, and the ABC has said it would begin consultation with media unions (via DXLD)

[and non]. Are there any readily available statistics on Internet access and market penetration in Australia compared to the USA? Our data is slowly drifting out of date but I know this would be a dangerous move here in the US. We would leave behind a significant amount of the populace (Stephen Michael Kellat, KC8BFI, WOR iog via DXLD)

** AUSTRALIA. 9800 kHz: Reach Beyond (HCJB), Kununurra. Recebido eQSL + Schedule do perÌodo A18 apÛs 2 dias. V/S: Margaret Penford, Listener Correspondent. RecepÁ„o da emissora em S„o Bernardo SP. Rx: Icom IC-R75 + Antena: Loop MagnÈtica AOR LA-400 (indoor, postada ao lado do rx). Informe de recepÁ„o enviado para
http://www.reachbeyond.org.au/contact/Contact-Information
Video da recepÁ„o:
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=lt-LGfO1Xag&t=5s
eQSL postado em
http://dxways-br.blogspot.com.
Nota: Ao final do schedule recebido junto ao eQSL h· uma informaÁ„o que s„o aguardados informes de recepÁ„o por meio do endereÁo eletrÙnico: a18@reachbeyond.org.au
73, (Rudolf Grimm, S„o Bernardo SP, May 8, radioescutas yg via DXLD)

9800 kHz, Reach Beyond (HCJB), Kununurra. Received: eQSL + A18 Schedule, after 2 days. V/S: Margaret Penford, Listener Correspondent. Station listened in S„o Bernardo SP BRAZIL (15.614 km from Kununurra). Rx: Icom IC-R75 + AOR LA-400 Magnetic Loop Antenna (indoor). Reception report sent to
http://www.reachbeyond.org.au/contact/Contact-Information
Video from this reception:

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=lt-LGfO1Xag&t=5s
eQSL posted on
http://dxways-br.blogspot.com
Remarks: On the end of the A18 Schedule (Reach Beyond), the information: ìReach Beyond Australia is always interested in your reception reports. Please send them to a18@reachbeyond.org.au ì
73, (Rudolf Grimm, S„o Bernardo SP, BRAZIL, HCDX via DXLD)

** BAHAMAS [non]. --- [International Vacuum] Television --- 87 W, SES-2, 3.840-H/5150 Msps, ZNS Bahamas with English "Wake up Bahamas" show (essentially a tourist promo), talx & video shots of Pigs wading in the water at the beach. Very 'upbeat'. Interestingly my receiver identified this as a 'scrambled' channel -- something I have noted doesn't always mean you can't watch this without a decoder for some reason. At any rate this APPEARED to be in the clear despite what the box originally thought. 59% & steady 1355-1405 27/Apr QPSK/MPEG2 480i SD (Ken Zichi, Port Hope MI2, MARE Tipsheet May 4 via DXLD)

** BAHRAIN. 9745, Radio Bahrain, Abu Hayan, 2318-2345. Middle Eastern vocal music. Two very long selections. Possible quick comments by a woman between songs at 2327, but could have been part of the music. Weak signal in heavy noise with a few good peaks. Becoming weaker by 2338. Carrier plus USB with no LSB component. They usually appear here in late April or early May. Only hear them once or twice per year. 5/1/2018 (Jim Evans, Germantown, TN. Equipment: IC-R8600, IC-R75, Perseus, Various Portables, Random Wire, Wellbrook Loops, NASWA Flashsheet via WORLD OF RADIO 1929, DXLD)

9745, Radio Bahrain, Abu Hayan, 1610, 05-05, on air with Arabic songs. 34333 (Manuel MÈndez, Lugo, Spain, Log in Friol, WOR iog via WORLD OF RADIO 1929, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Is this unusual in your location? Do you think it is often not on the air at all? Carrier plus USB only, right? (gh, ibid.)

Good signal of Radio Bahrain on May 7
from 0537 on 9745 ABH 010 kW / non-dir to N/ME Arabic CUSB
http://swldxbulgaria.blogspot.bg/2018/05/good-signal-of-radio-bahrain-on-may-7.html
(Ivo Ivanov, SWLDXBulgaria News, May 6-7, WOR iog via WORLD OF RADIO 1929, DXLD)

** BANGLADESH. 4750, Bangladesh Betar - HS, May 5, from 1252 to 1254, with weather ("rain & showers"), as well as the high & low temps in the country, plus sunrise & sunset times in English during these daily brief spots; CODAR and CNR1 QRM (Ron Howard, Asilomar State Beach, CA, EtÛn E1, antenna: 100' long wire, WOR iog via WORLD OF RADIO 1929, DXLD)

13580, BANGLADESH Betar at 1955 UT May 2 in Bengali with what sounded like a radio drama. Sign Off announcements with postal and e-mail addresses given then off air at 2000:13. Very Good. 73 (Mick Delmage, Alberta, Rx: Perseus SDR, Ant: Wellbrook ALA100 loop, WOR iog via DXLD)

[and non]. Very good signal of Radio Bangladesh Betar on May 6 1315-1345 9455 DKA 250 kW / 320 deg to SoAs Nepali and co-ch from 1330 9455 TSH 300 kW / 352 deg to NEAs Japanese Furusato no Kaze http://swldxbulgaria.blogspot.com/2018/05/very-good-signal-of-radio-bangladesh.html
(Ivo Ivanov, SWLDXBulgaria News, May 5-6, WOR iog via DXLD) WRMI too!

** BHUTAN [and non]. /CHINA. 6035, on May 2, at 1135, with BBS mixing with relay of FM99 (Kunming, Yunnan Province, China), via PBS Yunnan; BBS cut off at 1150*; after which FM99 was in the clear with their usual FM type programming in Chinese, and was still being heard at 1440, long past the former "Voice of Shangri-la" format that cut off about 1200* (Ron Howard, Asilomar State Beach, CA, EtÛn E1, antenna: 100' long wire, WOR iog via DXLD)

** BOUGAINVILLE [non-log]. 3325, NBC Bougainville, on May 6, from 1112+, clearly off the air today (Ron Howard, Asilomar State Beach, CA, EtÛn E1, antenna: 100' long wire, DX LISTENING DIGEST) See PNG

/PNG. 3325, NBC Bougainville, 1111 till off about 1152, on May 7. From 1111 to 1124 monologue in Pidgin; 1124-1152 mostly pop songs. At times fair and equal strength to Madang.

3260, NBC Madang, 1111-1204* cut off, on May 7. Long monologue 1111-1201 (no break at ToH); then filler music (music only from Sarah Brightman - "He Doesn't See Me"); one of their strongest receptions, as at times slightly better than Bougainville, which is very rare (Ron Howard, Asilomar State Beach, CA, EtÛn E1, antenna: 100' long wire, WOR iog via DXLD)

3325, NBC Bougainville, 1201* cut off, on May 8.

3260, NBC Madang, 1205* cut off, on May 8; another day both with equally decent reception, as also observed today by Dave Valko on the East Coast, with 3260 // 3325, at 0957, with the news (Ron Howard, Asilomar State Beach, CA, EtÛn E1, antenna: 100' long wire, WOR iog via DXLD)

** BURUNDI. BURUNDI SAYS IT WILL SUSPEND BBC, VOICE OF AMERICA RADIO BROADCASTS By Desire Nimubona
May 4, 2018, 5:48 AM EDT LISTEN TO ARTICLE :33

https://www.bloomberg.com/news/articles/2018-05-04/burundi-says-will-suspend-bbc-voice-of-america-radio-broadcasts

Burundi said it will suspend the British Broadcasting Corp. and Voice of America's radio operations for six months, accusing them of not respecting the East African country's media laws and ethics.

The suspensions will take effect from May 7, Burundi's media council said Friday in a statement, without giving further details on the alleged infractions. The move comes about two weeks before a referendum on sweeping changes to the constitution that could allow President Pierre Nkurunziza to rule until 2034 (via Mike Cooper, WORLD OF RADIO 1929, DXLD)

BURUNDI SUSPENDS BBC, VOA RADIO BROADCASTS
New Zimbabwe.com 6th May 2018 Africa, News By AFP
https://www.newzimbabwe.com/burundi-suspends-bbc-voa-radio-broadcasts/

Burundi's press regulator on Friday said it was suspending broadcasts by the BBC and Voice of America (VOA) by local radio stations ahead of a constitutional referendum on May 17.

The head of Burundi's National Communications Council told journalists in the capital Bujumbura that a six-month ban would come into force on Monday.

Karenga Ramadhani accused the BBC and VOA of "breaches of the law governing the press and ethics".

The BBC, he said, "damaged the reputation" of President Pierre Nkurunziza during a discussion programme and had "ignored" previous warnings. [INS: :INS]

Burundi's government earlier this week urged the regulator to "take action" against the BBC which it accused of spreading "incendiary statements... hatred and subversion".

VOA is accused of spreading "very tendentious" information and hiring a journalist "sought by Burundian justice".

French broadcaster RFI also received a warning for disseminating "tendentious and misleading" information.

Two local stations, Isanganiro and CCIB FM+, were also issued with warnings over an alleged lack of "rigorous verification of sources".

The BBC did not immediately respond to the suspension but VOA issued a

statement condemning the move.

"We are dismayed by the actions taken today by the Burundi National Communications Council to ban VOA from broadcasting its news and information programs," said VOA director Amanda Bennett.

Both the BBC and VOA broadcast daily in the national language, Kirundi, and have for decades drawn large numbers of avid listeners, especially in rural areas.

"This is a sign of the times, because even the previous regimes never dared to close the BBC, even during the civil war when it gave voice to the rebels who are now in power," a Burundian journalist said on condition of anonymity.

"The Burundian government has decided to silence them while we are in the middle of an referendum campaign, probably so that Burundians do not hear those who advocate `no' or call for a boycott," he added.

Burundians are due to vote in a constitutional referendum that would allow Nkurunziza to rule for another two terms up to 2034.

The 54-year-old president has ruled the tiny central African nation since 2005. His run for a controversial third term in 2015 triggered a deep political crisis that has since seen 1 200 people killed and 400 000 flee their homes.

The violence and abuses are being investigated by International Criminal Court (ICC) while a vicious press crackdown has seen the majority of independent journalists leave the country.

The BBC on its website says it broadcasts to Burundi on FM relay stations and on two local partner stations.

VOA, which has two FM transmitters, said its programmes would continue to be available on shortwave radio and via the internet.
[INS: :INS] (via Mike Cooper, DXLD)

STATEMENT ON GOVERNMENT OF BURUNDIíS SUSPENSION OF VOA OPERATIONS

Washington, D.C.óThe Voice of America condemns the recent action of the government of Burundi to suspend its broadcast operations for six months, effective May 7.

ìWe are dismayed by the actions taken today by the Burundi National Communications Council to ban VOA from broadcasting its news and information programs,î said VOA Director Amanda Bennett. ìOur audience members count on VOA to provide factual, unbiased and objective

coverage of current events, so this ban deprives the citizens of Burundi of a trusted news source during a critical time in that country. This is even more distressing coming only one day after World Press Freedom Day ñ a day calling for governments to remove, not impose, restrictions on the media.î

VOA content will continue to be available in Kirundi and Kinyarwanda via shortwave channels, on the Internet and on FM transmitters located in neighboring countries (via Hansjoerg, Biener, May 4, WORLD OF RADIO 1929, DXLD)

So, what was their excuse? WTFK banned? WRTH 2018 has FM frequencies for RFI and BBC, but no other external broadcasters (gh, DXLD)

A salutary reminder why broadcasters should not rely on local FM partner stations ñ it leaves audiences unprepared to retune to SW when FM relays get switched off and internet access is blocked (ed., MW News May/June 2018 via WORLD OF RADIO 1929, DXLD)

** CAMBODIA. HOPING FOR A RADIO DRAMA REVIVAL
Rinith Taing | Publication date 27 April 2018 | 06:31 ICT
https://www.phnompenhpost.com/post-life/hoping-radio-drama-revival

Ouch Vanna (front left) mans the control board as a Vayo FM radio drama team records on April 25. Heng Chivoan [caption]

Vang Chun remembers a time when his industry brought families together. Now 78, he wistfully recounted this week the past glory of radio dramas - a genre largely ignored today despite the efforts of some trying to keep it alive. Chun remembers putting together Kolab Pailin (The Rose of Pailin), a theatrical radio piece based on a famous novel that became a hit, when he was a 21-year-old choreographic arts student at the Royal University of Fine Arts. Centering on the love story of Chet, a poor gem miner, and Neary, the only daughter of a wealthy gem salesman, Chun filled in however he could.

He went around town recording sound effects, like a car engine and even gunshots, and he also played an evil merchant in the play.

Stories like "Kolab Pailin" would attract families around their radios after dinner, as one of the main distractions to break up the routine of country life.

"Radio drama is an amazing form of art," he says. "It needs only sounds, and the audience uses imagination to enjoy it. Authors who write radio plays therefore have to be very skillful in telling settings and story through the speech of actors only," he said.

An alumnus of L'Ecole National de Theatre, Chun studied under Hang Tun Hak, the pioneer of Cambodian modern theatre, and he spent most of his life writing and starring in radio drama, most of them telling slice-of-life stories. During the 1960s and '70s he worked with stars in the field, such as Huoy Meas, who was also a well-known singer, and Youk Kem, the star of the National Radio Station. Chun also seems to have passed his love of radio down: his son - RFA journalist Chun Chanboth - himself a high-profile broadcaster.

During Khmer Rouge rule, most radio drama voice actors and writers were killed, but Chun survived and got the chance to join the revived RUFA after the regime's fall, where he has been teaching the craft for the past 30 years. Nonetheless, he barely hears fictional audio stories on the radio these days. "Perhaps today people prefer other means of entertainment such as TV or smartphones," Chun says. "I am sure they will enjoy it like people in the past if they learn to exploit the power of their imagination."

Only a few radio stations in Cambodia are sill broadcasting radio dramas, and most of the plays are part of campaigns or projects by local NGOs, who buy slots from broadcasters to tell stories about health, human trafficking and so on. The station best known for broadcasting radio plays regularly is Phnom Penh-based Vayo FM. However, their program is currently on hiatus as the previous producers and most members of the drama team have resigned and are working somewhere else.

"We want to recruit a new producer and more voice actors as soon as possible," says Ouch Vanna, the program manager of Vayo FM.

"But it is easier said than done since it is very hard to find the producers nowadays, not to mention that we will need to spend a lot of money and time on producing radio drama," she said, adding that most of today's producers don't have professional training.

Vang Chun, who worked on radio dramas and has taught the craft for decades, at his home in Phnom Penh. Vang Chun, who worked on radio dramas and has taught the craft for decades, at his home in Phnom Penh. Heng Chivoan [caption]

While Veayo has no means to measure audience statistics, Vanna said that according to the station's survey, radio dramas are still particularly popular in the countryside, especially among those who cannot read.

Um Kosal, a radio host and the star of the Vayo drama team, praised the medium for its relatively low cost and its ability to convey

useful information and moral lessons.

"Radio drama is simple but a powerful disseminating tool if it is made by a good playwright and starred by outstanding voice actors," Kosal says.

Kosal's wish for it to expand, however, is unlikely to become reality in today's Cambodia, where smartphones have replaced other more archaic forms of entertainment.

Ry Oudom, a former producer at Vayo who is now working at a real estate company, has not completely given up the craft. Currently, he is making a few radio dramas with five other friends, and plans to post them on their website.

"We believe that keeping up with the up-to-date technology is the only way to preserve radio dramas," he says. "If fewer people listen to radios and more visit websites, the best idea should be putting radio drama on websites or YouTube, which is very popular in Cambodia and around the world."

Meanwhile, Vang Chun, the veteran radio drama producer, called on young people to open their minds to the medium despite its French origin.

"For 70 years, we have been giving Cambodian identities to this form of Western art, such as with its music and moral values, and no doubt we shaped a new form of art," he said. "If it would disappear, our effort and commitment would be in vain" (Phnom Penh Post via Mike Cooper, DXLD)

** CANADA. CANADIAN RADIO NEWS ñ Dan Sys E-mail: sysdan@gmail.com
A couple of updates from Jon Pearkins.

1130, BC, Vancouver, CKWX --- A Vancouver engineer suspects their antenna system is the cause of their many transmitter outages, usually short, but a day-long outage did occur on 04/23 at 1133 [EDT??] when the 50 kW transmitter was off the air for about a minute, with the next day or so from the backup transmitter. Propagation, especially Skip, is poor from the roughly 100 foot Rubber Ducky antenna (electrically short monopole antenna) on top of the three storey studio building, powered by a 1 kW transmitter.

1410, BC, Vancouver, CFTE --- Began new Format on 04/30: changed from All Sports to All Business News, and branding from ìTSN 1410î to ìBNN Bloomberg Radioî, with much of the programming a simulcast of Canadian cable channel BNN. This ends Vancouverís impossible situation of having three All Sports stations, all on AM. Canada has only ever

had one other radio station running All Business News: the ill-fated CFBN-1280 at Toronto International Airport in 2007 (via IRCA DX Monitor May 5, published May 1, via DXLD)

** CANADA. CIRA [sic] 1350 Gatineau: I did not realize this station existed until I did a daytime bandscan. My basic searching shows it went off air in 2015 yet it seems to be on* currently...
*no ID heard yet
http://www.broadcasting-history.ca/listing_and_histories/radio/cira-fm
(EricFlden, Ottawa's least active DXer, CCRadio, Sony 7600, May 8, nrcam gg via DXLD)

Eric, I posted the question on a Ontario radio message board, as I'm mildly curious. Just because. I'll let you know if I get an answer (Paul Walker, PA, ibid.)

Same frequency, new station. From NorthEast Radio Watch, 4/4/17:

*In CANADA, the CRTC is hearing applications for a new French-language community signal in Gatineau to replace the now-defunct CIRA-5 (1350), which had been relaying Radio Ville-Marie from Montreal. Radio Communautaire Francophone et Francophile de líOutaouais will present its proposal for 1000 watts day, 180 watts night, non-directional at a public hearing June 15 at CRTC headquarters in Gatineau.

And 3/5/18:

*And in Gatineau [QuÈbec]/Ottawa, CHFO (1350) has begun on-air testing. The new French-language community station takes over the 1000 watt day/180 watt night facility that had belonged to the former CIRA-5 before it went silent a couple of years back (Scott Fybush, ibid.)

Thanks; lots of IDs the last couple of days: C - H - F - O, en franÁais. I like the music, 90% French rock or r&b. Update: every 1 to 5 minutes, there is a second or less of either dead air or the carrier goes off. Not sure which yet. This during day, not sure if it happens at night power as well (Eric FlodÈn, ibid.)

** CANADA. 2748.97 or .98, May 4 at 0149 UT, Synthyl in English with marine weather, misleadingly mentions Washington DC; ``she`` has a pleasant, well-enunciated voice, except hard to copy proper names other than ``Bay of Fundy`` at 0152 UT. As carrierless pure SSB, it`s difficult to pinpoint, but voice sounds most natural 20-30 Hz offset below nominal 2749.

Now to look up which station it be. The CCG website now has archived the 2017 schedule we had referred to, as outdated, redirecting us to the 2018. The pdf version

http://www.ccg-gcc.gc.ca/folios/01224/docs/RAMN-2018-eng.pdf
runs 333 pages! So slower computers might avoid it, too much info.
Here`s the quick one for the Atlantic area:
http://www.ccg-gcc.gc.ca/Marine-Communications/RAMN-2018/Part2#21

And search the closest previous time to the log. Fortunately, it`s the very first one:
``Halifax MCTS/VCS ñ Broadcasts
Time UT Site Frequency Contents
0140 Chebogue 2749J3E Radiotelephony (English followed by French)
    Technical marine, synopsis, forecasts and wave height forecasts for marine areas 201 to 208.
    U.S. weather forecasts for Coastal Waters (Eastport to Schoodic Point, Maine) and Offshore Waters (Gulf of Maine to the Hague Line).
    Notices to Shipping in areas Bay of Fundy, South and West Coast Nova Scotia`` (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST) See NEWFOUNDLAND

** CANADA. ìSILENCEî AT CBC NWT --- CBC radio - Canada.

For the past two winters, radios in Ulukhaktok, N.W.T., have been silent. Local resident Donald Inuktalik said this is an issue for those in the community without access to a cell phone or computer ó particularly elders who used to tune into Inuktitut programming.

Inuktalik said he's been raising concerns for more than a year to no avail. "The radio station was always there until it just quit working," he said. "It seems like nobody wants to get it up and going. I'm trying to find out what's the problem."

Lennard Plantz, transmitter maintenance co-ordinator for CBC in Yellowknife, said the problem is with the transmitter in Ulukhaktok and that CBC is working on sending a replacement.

There are communities other than Ulukhaktok that also have issues with radio service. Plantz said the radio transmitter in Lutselk'e failed a year ago.

In Jean Marie River, the CBC radio transmitter and the CKLB satellite receiver failed, and both have expensive parts to replace. But this community has found a solution ó parts from each were combined and the community now listens to CBC radio on the CKLB frequency.

Not like the 1970s

Plantz noted the CBC doesn't own and operate TV and radio transmitters in Ulukhaktok, Lutselk'e or Nahanni Butte as it does in bigger communities like Yellowknife and Inuvik. He explained that in the 1970s, the public broadcaster had an accelerated coverage plan where

it installed and maintained transmission equipment in every community with a population of more than 500. The territorial government then funded installation and maintenance for smaller communities across the N.W.T., including those that are now part of Nunavut.

But that funding was cut in the late 1980s and responsibility for maintaining equipment shifted onto communities, Plantz said. He added that CBC, CKLB and APTN help as much as they can, but CBC doesn't have the budget to replace expensive parts.

CBC will however replace satellite radio receivers in the communities when it shifts to a new satellite system. That last happened 12 years ago and will happen again by the end of August, meaning communities will be getting new radio receivers.

"Ever since the 1990s, the Ulukhaktok radio transmitter has belonged to the local community as a Community Owned Operated Broadcaster site," Douglas Chow, a corporate spokesperson with CBC/Radio-Canada, said in a statement.

"CBC/Radio-Canada does not operate this transmitter. Unfortunately, the state of the tower has declined over the years. However, serving Northwest Territories audiences is important to us; we have offered Ulukhaktok community leaders our expertise in finding a solution to the signal issue." (via May-June Mediumwave News via DXLD) WTFK?

** CANARY ISLANDS [non]. New low-power station to chase after.

Hi Everyone, just has a QSL received from Coast FM "Tenerife's official British Radio Station". I heard them on 6285 kHz on 1st April so fairly prompt response. I also received a bumper sticker. The station only has a 600 W transmitter but no details available on the antenna. I'm in the UK, using a Lowe HF 250 receiver and a 20m longwire. they also have a 500 W transmitter on 4025 kHz, which I couldn't hear. This snippet from their website gives a bit more insight
http://www.coastfmtenerife.com/

``Coast FM International

From Friday morning through till Sunday evening Coast FM also broadcasts on Shortwave across Western Europe. We share these fequencies with our sister stations, Energy FM and Atlantis FM over the weekend. We broadcast on 6285Khz and also 4025Khz. Our signal can be heard over a very wide area and reception reports have been received from as far away as Cyprus, Brazil, USA and Russia.
Reception Reports

Our shortwave service is run on a voluntary basis by our engineering team. This may result in a slow response at busy times. If you would like us to confirm reception please send your report to shortwave@coastfmtenerife.com.

Coast FM DX Show

On Sunday from 16:00 we split our output with the Vodafone UK Top 40 broadcast on our regular FM frequencies and online. We have a special show for radio enthusiasts broadcast on our Shortwave frequencies only. This show plays a mixture of classic hit music along with confirming reception reports and other radio related news.``

Interestingly my QSL was posted here in the UK. Happy Hunter (Tom Crosbie, G6PZZ, May 4, WOR iog via DXLD)

Hmmm... and the SW transmitter site? Ireland? 73, (Jari Savolainen, Finland, ibid.)

Didn't we go through this drill last year? The station is not in Tenerife if I remember correctly and is just another pirate? (Bruce Churchill, ibid.)

PIRATE RADIO, English Pirate Radio Coast FM, May 4 2130 & 2200 on 6285 unknown tx, weak to fair signal:
http://swldxbulgaria.blogspot.bg/2018/05/reception-of-english-pirate-radio-coast.html
(Ivo Ivanov, SWLDXBulgaria News, May 3-4, WOR iog via DXLD)

** CHINA. I daily listen to the music programme on China National Radio - Kazakh Voice called ????? (Bouncing Up, according to Google Translate). The Kazakh music played is excellent but I can't find the titles or the name of the artists of any of the songs played, nor I know the names of the hosts. Is there any e-mail address I can write to get information about this programme in English? Any information will be greatly appreciated. Here's a link for one of the songs I recorded off the online stream of the station:
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=iG2sVi9bRks
(Eduardo Peralta, Argentina, May 3, WOR iog via DXLD)

Hi Eduardo, You may try hyb@cnr.cn which is listed at
http://www.kazakcnr.com/
73, (Jari Savolainen, Finland, ibid.)

Thanks! I've just sent a message to that address, unfortunately I got an ZÏdÚng huÌfˇ xÏnxi (Automated reply) which is totally blank. So I don't know if I'll receive a proper answer soon or not (Eduardo, ibid.)

Hi Eduardo, My favourite Kazakh band is Ulytau and it is difficult to put them into a category. Traditional meets metal! There are dozens of their recordings on YouTube and in concert with other local musicians. HTH (Tom Crosbie G6PZZ", ibid.)

Love the synergy of our widely dispersed group! (gh, ibid.)

** CHINA [and non]. 9355, The Firedragon with crash-boom-bang. Undoubtedly making a run at Radio Free Asia via Mariana Islands at this hour. S-9 on SW-2000629 and 9' vertical. Apr 27 (Rick Barton, Logs from Central Arizona, Grundig Satellit 205/5000 & 750; RS SW-2000629, Zenith R-7000 TO, ATS-909x with Slinky and other outdoor wires. 73 and Good Listening....! -rb, WOR iog via DX LISTENNG DIGEST)

11610, CNR1 (broadcast station used as Jammer) at 1650, woman and Chinese pop music. Listed at this hour has Radio Free Asia via Mariana Islands and certainly another program could be heard buried underneath the carrier in audio that most likely was in fact RFA. VG on portable in 9-foot vertical Apr 25 (Rick Barton, Logs from Central Arizona, Grundig Satellit 205/5000 & 750; RS SW-2000629, Zenith R-7000 TO, ATS-909x with Slinky and other outdoor wires. 73 and Good Listening....! -rb, WOR iog via DX LISTENNG DIGEST)

** COLOMBIA [non]. EJ…RCITO DE VENEZUELA DESMANTELA EMISORA DEL ELN QUE TRANSMITÕA DESDE LA FRONTERA --- 28/04/2018

En Venezuela operan otras cuatro radios clandestinas del ELN con seÒal abierta en FM.

Efectivos del ejÈrcito de Venezuela desmantelaron y destruyeron una estaciÛn radial clandestina, que cual pertenecÌa al grupo (ELN), misma que se encontraba en el sector Filas de Margua, a orillas del RÌo CutufÌ del estado Apure, fronterizo con Colombia.

Resultado de imagen para frontera entre colombia y venezuela mapa

Los militares ubicaron la estaciÛn de radio de la emisora La Voz de la Libertad, 95.5 FM, perteneciente al frente de ëGuerra Oriental Comandante en Jefe Manuel Vasquez CastaÒoí del ELN, y en ella diferentes equipos tecnolÛgicos y de comunicaciones que les permitÌan realizar las transmisiones desde ese sector a todo el estado sureÒo venezolano y del lado colombiano.

Dentro del equipamiento de la emisora se encontraron dos micrÛfonos con el logo de la emisora, un computador, un equipo transmisor, bases para micrÛfonos, audÌfonos, cables conectores y otros equipos que permitÌan realizar las transmisiones de la emisora.

Las autoridades venezolanas a˙n no han confirmado detenciones luego de este hecho, sin embargo difundieron varias fotografÌas del lugar, asÌ como elequipamiento decomisado en la edificaciÛn, el cual servÌa de sede de la emisora del ELN.

En Venezuela operan otras cuatro radios clandestinas del ELN con seÒal abierta en FM:

ñ Antorcha EstÈreo 96.7 FM, perteneciente al Frente de Guerra Urbano ìCamilo Torres Restrepoî, y su espectro de influencia incluye las ciudades fronterizas de San Antonio, UreÒa, Delicias, Rubio, Capacho Nuevo y Capacho Viejo.

ñ FM Antorcha Elena, del Frente Urbano ìCarlos Germ·n Velasco Villamizarî, cuya ·rea de influencia se extiende a lo largo y ancho de los municipios BolÌvar, Delicias, UreÒa, JunÌn, Capacho Viejo, Capacho Nuevo, Torbes, Fern·ndez Feo, San CristÛbal y toda la zona metropolitana de T·chira.

ñ FM Radio Frontera Rebelde, cuya influencia se extiende a la franja fronteriza de los estados Apure, BolÌvar, Amazonas e incluso Barinas.

ñ FM Radio InsurrecciÛn CaribeÒa, perteneciente al Frente de Guerra Norte Zulia, que opera en la zona sur del Lago de Maracaibo y la Sierra de Perij· (La FM via GRA blog via WORLD OF RADIO 1929, DXLD)

** COLOMBIA. 850, HJKC, Candela "la del amor y el despecho" (ex -La Popu, Bogot·) was noted at 0800 on April 7. ID was given at 0801 as ìEsta es Candela 850 AM, otra emisora RadiÛpolis.î

1080, HJAX, La Voz de Antioquia, MedellÌn (ex-La Voz de la Nostalgia) was heard at 0900 on April 8, identifying as ìTransmite desde MedellÌn para el mundo, La Voz de Antioquia, HJAX 1080 kHz en amplitud modulada ... una emisora de la Cadena Radial J˙piter. La Voz de Antioquia en el corazÛn del pueblo ...î QTH: Cra. 81 No.48A-39. http://cadenaradialjupiter.com/ http://www.lavozdeantioquia.com/ (Kiwi SDR Bonaire via Tetsuya Hirahara)

1560, HJHE, Caracol Radio, M·laga. Ex Voces Rovirenses (Fredrik DourÈn, ARC)

1580, HJQT, Verdad Radio, Bogot· is back! (ex-Wepa Radio cf. ARC South American News Desk 3.7.2017)

The station was heard at 1102 on March 25. ìDesde Bogot·, Colombia, transmite Verdad Radio 1580 AM HJQT, una radioestaciÛn del Ministerio Palabra de Vida. Verdad Radio, seÒal que viene del corazÛn de Dios.î

(Kiwi SDR Bonaire via Tetsuya Hirahara)

As to my Colombian news last week, I made fatal mistakes by mentioning "ex-Wepa Radio" in two meanings:
1) "ex-Wepa Radio" should be written as "ex-Wepa Salsa".
2) The "ex-Wepa Salsa" was incorrect. They are still operating on 1580 kHz according to my monitor today, up to 1056 UTC, and Verdad Radio appeared at 1057! They share the frequency.
(all: via May-June MW News via DXLD)

** COLOMBIA. 2940.13, UNID. Best heard yet with rapid-fire Spanish talk by M from 0902. Had breaks for soft instrumental music about every 10 minutes at 0910, 0918, 0929. Thought heard mentions of ìGloriaî, ìuniversalî, ìtardeî, and ìmaÒanaî. Some decent short peaks at 0927, 0929, 0935, and 0937. Program ended at 0946. Came back later and heard different M announcer/program at 0955. 0958 soft music bridge. 0959:35 sounded like a signature and M announcer. 1000 music and next program with possible intro by M. Check at 1038 found audible with M in Spanish. Definitely appears to be a religious station, and am betting itís somewhere out of the country (Valko 4 April) Is HJNT R. Huellas, Cali, Colombia, see below.

2940.13, HJNT R. Huellas, Cali. Barely had M preacher once after 0900. Brett Saylor mentioned someone heard R. Huellas on 1470.07 and had a Youtube video, and suggested trying the R. Huellas webstream. Did so using the receiver at TWR Bonaire, and found the exact same rapid-paced preacher I heard 2 days ago 0902-0946. Also got the // 2940.13 harmonic very weakly. Amazing that this is only 1 kW and the 2nd harmonic can be heard here. Would never have solved this mystery if not for Brett and the fact Huellas is off-frequency. 6 April (Dave Valko, Dunlo PA, RX: Perseus SDR with Wellbrook ALA 1530S and 153 foot Delta loop, April DX Fanzine via WORLD OF RADIO 1929, DXLD)

** CONGO. (REP). 6115, 04/21 at 1825, R Congo, Brazzaville. Vernacular / French. Local African music in various styles including one with wood-wind type instrument, and one with a more Western beat. Long talks by various male and female voices. Severe QRM from 1900 when CRI signed-on on 6110 kHz. Definite "Radio Congo" ID heard at 1911. 25222. (Alan Roe, UK, May CIDX Messenger via DXLD)

** COOK ISLANDS [and non]. Kiwi stations seemed to have a special edge over others on Aitutaki, with the 5+1 pips from 630-RNZ in Hawkes Bay easily audible under 630-Radio Cook Islands (164 miles south, in Rarotonga) four minutes after its sign on at 1556.

Ultra Rare 630-Cook Islands -- Full Details

630-Cook Islands in Rarotonga has the reputation of being one of the

toughest DU island stations to track down at long range -- and for good reason. Its "domestic" frequency, underperforming transmitter, strong DU co-channels and multiple programming issues all conspire to make this a legendary tough catch.

Recently I had the chance to visit Aitutaki Island in the Cooks, a location 164 miles (264 km) north of the Rarotonga transmitter site of the station. After two failed attempts to track down 630-RCI at relatively close range in Kona, Hawaii, I was very curious about why this obscure, 2.5 kW transmitter couldn't manage to get its miserable signal even a few thousand miles north to the Big Island.

The full details are contained below, part of an upcoming post about Pacific Island results during the Cook Island Ultralight DXpedition. Good luck to all those trying for the obscure station -- you will probably need it!

630, Radio Cook Islands Rarotonga, Cook islands, 2.5 kW

Located 164 miles (264 km) south of my DXing site, it was pretty obvious why this obscure station is so tough for distant DXers to track down. After sunset it had multiple strong co-channels on the frequency (RNZ and ABC), and even just after its sign on at 1556 UT, the 5+1 pips from RNZ were clearly audible at 1600.

The station has multiple issues, with a disastrous live microphone, audio amplitude varying widely between different programs, noticeable audio hum on the signal, etc. It signs on at 1556 and signs off at 0958, unless there is a weather emergency in the area (as there was with tropical cyclone Keni on April 9), in which case it switches to an RNZ satellite feed overnight until sign on at 1556 (thanks to Bryan Clark for ID of the station).

The station is obviously a low budget operation, with no special sign on or sign off message, automated time mentions, and (typically) strings of recorded island music with no live announcer. The only live announcers I heard during the week were during a Sunday morning recorded church service on April 8, and just after sign on (with the dreadful microphone) on April 12th.

Here is the full sign on routine at 1556 UT on April 12, with the horns, apparent national anthem, English ID, drums, and finally the live female announcer with the dreadful microphone (cutting off almost all the high frequencies, resulting in legendary poor audio). The weakness of the signal at 1600 UT allows the 5+1 time pips from 630-RNZ to be clearly heard at the 4:30 point in the recording
https://dreamcrafts.box.com/s/xqonh9iz57w22ebzxwz42krugu3rvykx

This recording of a church service at 1724 UT on April 8 was the only one I made on Rarotonga, the site of the transmitter. It features a live male announcer at 1:10 into the recording with an English "It's 7:25, that's your time with your National Voice" ID. At 1:44 into the recording one of the station's major issues is on full display -- the sudden amplitude increase of the transmitted audio
https://dreamcrafts.box.com/s/rfe2u3m3px4xmossujtxilzw8vlk3jtg

During most hours of the day the station runs a fully automated operation, with strings of recorded island music interspersed with recorded male-voiced station ID's and female-voiced time checks, as at 0706 UT on 4-9
https://dreamcrafts.box.com/s/oegfjznhbgw0evy9xuzqbu428xd31l4y

There is no special sign off message at 0958 UT (2358 local time), when the power is cut. There is a recorded station ID and time check at 0957, though, as in this recording at 0956 on April 9th. The weakness of the station around local midnight can be heard, with a strong co-channel pestering the signal before the unceremonious switch to the RNZ satellite feed at 0959, This was due to the tropical cyclone Keni weather emergency in the South Pacific area on April 9th; on normal days the transmitter power is simply cut off at 0958 (2358 local time), with no warning or fanfare
https://dreamcrafts.box.com/s/bqwt5lm0ezhdyqayqkfjj8j8fbirysar

All recordings made with a 7.5" loopstick C.Crane Skywave SSB Ultralight
https://dreamcrafts.box.com/s/oephl2ru7ejk31saxdq2tijqx9db0ros
73 and Good DX, (Gary DeBock (DXing on Aitutaki, Cook Islands from April 8-13), IRCA HCDX via DXLD)

Radio Cook Islands is also available via streaming audio.? The link on the station's website doesn't work, but this one will:
http://vtuner.com/setupapp/guide/asp/func/dynampls.asp?link=1&id=24442

The audio feed sounds pretty clean and doesn't have the quality issues Gary reported for over the air reception.? However, every 2-3 minutes the audio drops out for up to 30 seconds.? Maybe that's their way of dealing with the exorbitant internet costs.
(Bruce Portzer, May 4, ibid.)

The exorbitant internet costs in the Cook Islands seem to be targeted at the tourists, most of whom expect to find free WiFi at a caf?, library or some other public place. Such places do not exist in the Cooks! A racket seems to have been set up between the motels and temporary internet providers like the "Zenbu" company out of Auckland, NZ. The tourists get gouged about $20 NZ for 10 minutes online, with apparent kickbacks going to the motels, and the NZ politicians

protecting the racket (Gary DeBock, May 5, ibid.) See DX-PEDITIONS

** CUBA. 1210, Radio Reloj, unknown site. 1057 May 4, 2018. Still here. Very poor, occasionally beeping off-time through Radio Sancti SpÌritus and other detritus. I first spotted this one in March, 2016. And so it continues. Suspect central to eastern Cuba and low (1 kW) power (Terry L. Krueger, Clearwater, FL, IC-R75, NRD-535, longwires, active loop, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** CUBA. 12000. RHC. Abril 30. 0133-0159 UT. Programa: ìEn Contactoî con una reseÒa de la ìRadio Atl·ntico del Surî y su car·cter clandestino con programas dirigidos a las tropas argentinas en la Guerra de las Malvinas. A las 0139, se pasa a la secciÛn tÈcnica sobre un receptor de car·cter regenerativo, la utilidad de la antena exterior de tipo de lazo magnÈtico, informes sobre la frecuencia de 5040, solicitud de informes sobre la frecuencia de 7340 khz. A las 0144, conexiÛn con CO2KK sobre la banda de 11 metros y 75 metros, baja actividad solar, adem·s de la experiencia de captaciones de emisoras asi·ticas en onda media desde Cuba e informes de la Radio Reloj, informaciones acerca de Radio Progreso en onda media y despedida del programa a las 0148. Luego el programa: ìEn compaÒÌa del Doctorî con informaciÛn acerca de los tatuajes y las infecciones como la hepatitis C o incluso del VIH-SIDA. SINPO: 55555 (Claudio Galaz, RX: Tecsun PL-660; Ant: Hilo de 40 metros de largo; QTH: Barraza Bajo, IV RegiÛn, Chile, condiglista yg via DXLD)

** CUBA. 11880, May 3 at 2135, RHC Spanish despite this frequency supposed to run 22-24 UT only in French/Portuguese/English for Africa. At least they won`t bother AWR now, ending English via Austria at 2130, unless RHC on even earlier for its tarde service starting at 2100? Now // weaker 12000, 11840, weakest 11830 & 11850, stronger 11760 (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Re: RHC 11860 and 15140 kHz at 2028 UT May 4, via N2YHQ remote SDR site

CUBA 11860 kHz RHC Bauta site in Portuguese, S=9+30dB noted in NY state remote site at 2018 UT May 4. 23.4 kHz wideband signal. Then RHC in Arabic ID heard at 2039 UT.

1800-1830 15140 BAU 100 340 WNAm Arabic
1830-1900 15140 BAU 100 340 WNAm Creole
1900-2000 15140 BAU 100 340 WNAm English
1930-2000 11860 BAU 100 010 WeEu French
2000-2030 11860 BAU 100 010 WeEu Portuguese
2000-2030 15140 BAU 100 340 WNAm French
2030-2100 11860 BAU 100 010 WeEu Arabic

15140 kHz French service at 2028 UT S=9+25dB in NY state.

but heard also more RHC 30 minutes:
2030-2100 15140 BAU 100 340 WNAm Portuguese language Brazilian accent.
Little QRM by R Oman co-channel in English with ABBA music in French.
Rather Oman ahead or equal in southern Germany at same time.

Former RHC channel 15370 kHz suffered by heavy OTHR signal of S=9+10dB
15354 to 15376 kHz widerange radar signal.

More RHC tonight:

2030-2100 15140 BAU 100 340 WNAm noted BrasPortuguese on May 4th !!!
2100-2300 7330 BEJ 050 110 SoAm Spanish
2100-0500 9535 BEJ 100 230 CeAm Spanish
2100-0200 11760 BAU 100 n-d NCAm Spanish
2100-0500 11840 QVC 250 170 SoAm Spanish
2100-2300 11860 BAU 100 010 WeEu Spanish
2100-0400 12000 BAU 100 160 SoAm Spanish
2200-2230 11880 BAU 100 100 SoAf French

2120 UT here in southern Germany, RHC Spanish language
 7330 kHz weak S=3 / nil
 9535 S=9+5dB fluttery
11760 S=9+15dB
11840 S=8-9, towards my azimuth high gain curtain suffers
11860 S=9, equal with co-ch Yemen exile radio from Riyadh Saudi Arabia
relay
12000 S=9+20dB strong, but rough coarse modulation though.

2135 UT noted on remote NY state USA SDR unit:
 7330 kHz S=9+5dB signal in NY state.
 9535 S=9+20dB fluttery
11760 S=9+25dB, excellent modulation signal.
11840 S=9+20dB [you should be able to hear 11830 & 11850 parasites gh]
11860 S=9+25dB, some scratching sound underneath(like Marti jamming)
12000 S=9+35dB strong, but rough coarse modulation though.

11860 kHz unit SWITCHED OFF, was co-ch with Yemen excile R from Riyadh
previously.

2100-2300 7330 BEJ 050 110 SoAm Spanish
2100-0500 9535 BEJ 100 230 CeAm Spanish
2100-0200 11760 BAU 100 n-d NCAm Spanish
2100-0500 11840 QVC 250 170 SoAm Spanish
2100-2300 11860 BAU 100 010 WeEu Spanish
2100-0400 12000 BAU 100 160 SoAm Spanish
2200-2230 11880 BAU 100 100 SoAf French

2200-2300 11700 QVC 250 160 SoAm Portuguese
2230-2300 11880 BAU 100 100 SoAf Portuguese

2206 UT May 4th, noted on remote NY state USA SDR unit:
maybe rx antenna changed at the site

 7330 S=7 poor signal at 2212 UT.
 9535 S=9 fluttery
11760 S=9+15dB, excellent modulation signal.
11840 S=6
11860 nothing, nil
12000 S=9, but rough coarse modulation though.

11700 S=7-8 fluttery, low modulated
11880 S=9+20dB French, but rough coarse modulation though

2218 UT May 4th, noted on remote Edmonton Alberta SDR unit:

 7330 S=9+20dB
 9535 S=9+20dB fluttery
11760 S=9+30dB, excellent modulation signal.
11840 S=9+15dB
11860 nothing, nil
12000 S=9+25dB, but rough coarse modulation though.

11700 S=9+25dB Portuguese
11880 S=9+20dB French, but rough coarse modulation though wb (Wolfgang B¸schel, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

15230V, May 4 at 1453, RHC carrier is wobbling --- or is it? Could also be propagation disturbance causing Doppler effect; or a second offset signal QRMing --- but nothing else known on 15230 at this time, and only Xi`an elsewhen at 03-09.

11975-12015, May 5 at 0023, approx. asymmetrical splatter range of RHC 12000 during a strong discurso, perhaps adding to the overmodulation. Something`s always wrong at RHC.

11880, May 5 at 2223, RHC is S9+10/20 of dead air instead of French to Africa. Something`s always wrong at RHC (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** CUBA [and non]. SOUTH JAMMERSTAN: 7355, Jammer. 0325 Apr 29 Strong (presumed) Cuba. R MartÌ scheduled not heard. (JA-MI2)

7335, 0329 Apr 29 Strong White noise jammer (JA-MI2) [R MartÌ sked]

7365, Jammer, 0323 Apr 29 Strong (presumed) Cuba. R MartÌ scheduled

0100ñ0300 & 0500-0700 So just leave the jammer on? I guess electricity shortages in Cuba is a myth. :((JA-MI2)

9565, Jammer, 0028 Apr 29 Strong (presumed) Cuba. R MartÌ already signed off 0000. I guess electricity shortages in Cuba is a myth. :((Jack Amelar, Port Hope MI2, Kenwood R-1000 PAÿRDT mini-whip & long wire, MARE Tipsheet May 4 via DXLD)

** CZECHIA [non]. CZECH REP. USA [NON]. 9955. R. PRAGUE. Abril 30. 0200-0230 UT. VÌa WRMI. Servicio en espaÒol. Programa sobre la canciÛn del siglo con introducciones a las canciones de los aÒos 90ís que son emitidas, adem·s de las bandas y solistas que visitaron el paÌs en 1994. Adem·s de los records de asistentes de los conciertos y de un concurso de m˙sica pop de la Època. Luego se habla de los conciertos de 1997 y el cierre de la sala de Rock de Praga. SINPO: 55555.

9955. R. PRAGUE. Abril 30. 0300-0330 UT. VÌa WRMI. Servicio en InglÈs. Programa musical dedicado a la m˙sica checa de 1993 hasta 1997. SINPO: 55555 (Claudio Galaz, RX: Tecsun PL-660; Ant: Hilo de 40 metros de largo; QTH: Barraza Bajo, IV RegiÛn, Chile, condiglista yg via DXLD)

** DENMARK. Reception of World Music Radio Denmark on May 5:
2030 & 2103 on 5840 001 kW Randers/Denmark, weak/fair signal
http://swldxbulgaria.blogspot.bg/2018/05/reception-of-world-music-radio-denmark.html
(Ivo Ivanov, SWLDXBulgaria News, May 5-6, WOR iog via DXLD)

** EAST TURKISTAN. [Re 7260, 18-18:] I think it is more probably an intermod of a certain site, because it is so weak. When does it sign off? 73, (Mauno Ritola, Finland, WOR iog via DXLD)

** ECUADOR [non]. Akhbar Mufriha via BaBcoCk Woofferton/Ascension May 6:
2100-2115 on 7300 WOF 250 kW / 170 deg to NoAf Tachelhit Daily
2115-2145 on 7300 WOF 250 kW / 170 deg to NoAf Arabic Daily
2145-2215 on 9530 ASC 125 kW / 027 deg to WeAf Hassinya Thu-Tue
http://swldxbulgaria.blogspot.bg/2018/05/radio-akhbar-mufriha-via-babcock.html
(Ivo Ivanov, SWLDXBulgaria News, May 6-7, WOR iog via DXLD)

** EGYPT. AMAL FAHMY DIES AGED 92 --- Pioneering Egyptian broadcaster passes.

Iconic Egyptian radio host Amal Fahmy passed away on Sunday April 8th after a struggle with illness following long and active career that spanned over five decades. Born in 1926, Fahmy graduated from Faculty of Arts at Cairo University with a degree in Arabic language. She joined the Egyptian radio in 1951. In 1958, Fahmy began hosting popular weekly radio show Aal El-Nasseya (At The Street Corner) on

Egypt's main state-owned radio station.

The show featured Fahmy in discussion with citizens and officials on a wide range of topics, from political and social issues to sports.

Over the next 50 years, the veteran host's show became a huge success. Fahmy interviewed a wide range of guests from members of the Egyptian public to local and international celebrities. Among her most famous discussions was held with Russian cosmonaut Yuri Gagarin during his visit to Cairo in the 1960s.

In her long career, Fahmy and her show were suspended only once in the late 1960s after she presented a complaint from a citizen against the government during the rule of President Gamal Abdel-Nasser.

Fahmy and her show returned to the airwaves when Anwar Sadaat became a president in 1971. Amal Fahmy was also the first woman to head a state-owned radio station in the Middle East. The veteran host persistently refused to retire and continued to represent her weekly radio show past her 60th year.

In 2014, she declared that she would discontinue her radio show after being injured in a stairway fall at the Egyptian State TV and Radio Union building. She also declared her retirement to be an act of protest against what she said was neglect from state authorities towards her radio career. Amal Fahmy was married to radio director Mohamed Alwan. She did not have any children (Medium Wave News 64/0211 May/June 2018 via DXLD)

** EGYPT. 9804.64, Radio Cairo at 2236 UT April 29 with female talk in English with short intervals of music. Off air at 2245. Very distorted but strong enough to identify. 73 (Mick Delmage, Alberta, Rx: Perseus SDR, Ant: Wellbrook ALA100 loop, WOR iog via WORLD OF RADIO 1929, DXLD)

Nominal for this has been 9800, so off frequency below that, as below. Now trying for 9805?? (Glenn Hauser, WORLD OF RADIO 1929, DXLD)

Much odd frequencies of Radio Cairo on May 4
2000-2115 9894.6 ABS 200 kW / 325 deg to WeEu French, good signal
2115-2245 9799.7 ABS 200 kW / 325 deg to WeEu English, good, co-ch
2115-2130 9800.0 KNX 100 kW / 335 deg to EaAs Eng/Kor Reach Beyond Australia
http://swldxbulgaria.blogspot.bg/2018/05/much-odd-frequencies-of-radio-cairo-on.html
(Ivo Ivanov, SWLDXBulgaria News, May 3-4, WOR iog via WORLD OF RADIO 1929, DXLD)

** EGYPT. Danke HFD f¸r den Tip, 9569.996 kHz, etwas niedrige Modulation, 1950 UT das Letterbox Program, mit sehr bekannten SWL Hˆrer Namen wurden als Beitragende genannt. Ich habe Radio Cairo sehr lange nie mehr auf KW so gut gehˆrt, wie soeben.

S=9+20dB Signal um 1946 UT, 5.4 kHz breit. Jetzt wird der 1. Mai Feiertag in 1886 abgehandelt. Und die Quiz Frage gestellt. 73 wolfgang

Und jetzt ab 2001 UT gehoert: 9894.605 kHz ganz krumme odd fq Radio Cairo in Franzoesisch, aber viel staerkeres Signal, S=9+35dB hier in Sueddeutschland, ID in Fr, und folgend Instrumental Musik mit arabischen Touch. 20.00-21.15 UT angemeldet. 73 wb

R Cairo kommt z.Zt. sehr gut auf 9570 herein. Die Sprache ist etwas d¸nn, aber die Musik ist gut ausgesteuert. 73, (Hans-Friedrich Dumrese, May 4, A-DX via wb, dxldyg via DXLD)

---- Original Message -----
From: "Wolfgang Bueschel" [translated:]

EGYPT, 9569.996 kHz, Radio Cairo in German 19-20z May 4th, little low modulation, 1950 UT letterbox program in German, noted with very popular German language DXer people mentioned. Radio Cairo tonight with surprisingly well audio signal.

S=9+20dB SR Cairo German at 1946 UT, 5.4 kHz wideband. Feature of 1st May holiday international, -- of 1886 year work class public demonstration. And concluded program with Quiz question in German.

EGYPT and now at 2000 UT heard: 9894.605 kHz much very ODD frequency by Radio Cairo in French, but stronger signal than German on 9570 kHz, S=9+35dB here in southern Germany, ID in French, and then followed by Instrumental Music on Arabic touch. 2000-2115 UT requested.
73 wolfgang df5sx (B¸schel, dxldyg via DXLD)

** EQUATORIAL GUINEA. 5005, Radio Nacional, Bata, *0508, 06-05, open transmission with Spanish and pop songs in English. 25322 (Manuel MÈndez, Lugo, Sain, Log in Friol, WOR iog via DXLD)

** ETHIOPIA. THREE RADIO STATIONS JOIN MUSHROOMING BROADCASTING SERVICE --- The new stations will push the total number of private radio station in Addis to 10

https://addisfortune.net/articles/three-radio-stations-join-mushrooming-broadcasting-service/

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The Ethiopian Broadcasting Authority (EBA) has awarded three private media companies frequency modulation (FM) for broadcasting purposes. This brings the number of private radio broadcasting stations based in Addis Abeba to 10.

The new companies are Selam Multimedia, Muarse Multimedia and Afri Health Trading, which can now broadcast on bands ranging from FM 90.0 to FM 107.9.

This comes after the Authority announced a bid on February 9, 2018, on the state-owned Amharic daily, Addis Zemen. The Authority had 18 to 20 shortwave radio frequencies up for grabs, according to Gebregiorgis Abrha, director of communications at the Authority.

Only four companies showed interest, and three passed to the final stage over a week ago. In the technical and financial evaluation of the bid infrastructural capacity in regards to the companies' proposed programming, human capital and brand vision were assessed.

Selam was the most qualified from the trio, according to the Authority's measurements. Owned jointly by Axum Pictures, which is behind the popular infotainment formatted Ethiopiakalink program on Zami station, and Adika Tour & Travel Agency, it came with a capital of five million Birr.

The company received the broadcasting frequency, FM 95.1, in its second attempt in three years to participate in such a bid. The name of the radio station will be Arada FM, for which Selam has to pay 75,000 Br annually like the other stations. The payment will be made to the Authority that has the mandate to issue, suspend or cancel broadcasting licenses.

"The station will give special emphasis to entertainment," Birhane Niguessie, CEO of Selam, told Fortune. "It will also include news, and selling of airtime for programs on politics, the economy and socio-cultural issues."

He points out that as they are in the process of setting up a studio. Which requires importing of equipment from overseas, the current forex crunch Ethiopia is in has been challenging.

"We expect to move EthiopikaLink to Arada FM," Birhane said.

Afri Radio is the other broadcaster that was awarded. Afri Health, the company behind the station, has also secured Afri TV from the Authority last year, though it has not begun broadcasting yet. The company already has a studio ready for broadcasting.

"The process was long, but we expect the Authority to give us the green light within 10 to 15 days for our TV broadcasting," Bahiru Mengistu, co-founder and board of director of Afri Health, said.

Afri Health has thus far budgeted 7.5 million Br for the radio station, which obtained the shortwave [sic] frequency of FM 93.8 on a six-year agreement with EBA.

"We will hire more than 150 professionals for both the TV and radio, which will be adding to the 4000 health professionals we are working with," Bahiru told Fortune.

Afri Radio will have content focusing on health issues but also comprises business and social problems, according to Mellon Kebede (MD), CEO of Afri Health Trading, who started the company with 100 million Br capital.

J-FM, which will broadcast on the FM 106.7 frequency, and under Muarse, is the third station. Muarse is the sister company of JTV Ethiopia, owned and managed, by the young musician Yossef Gebre, better known as Jossy. Broadcasting will start within three months, according to sources from JTV.

The three radio stations will be the first to join the market since Ahadu FM, by Eddie Steeler Trading, and Ethio-FM, owned by One Love, who joined the market last year. The broadcaster, Arki secured a deal back in 2016, but the deal was terminated.

"There will now be better competition. But there is a need to create a competitive environment based on the quality of content so that the broadcasters do not perish right away," says Teshager Shiferaw (PhD), a lecturer at the Addis Abeba University's School of Journalism.

The Broadcasting Authority was established over a decade ago. It has the power and duty to control illegal transitions, and plan, permit and control the use of the radio wave allocated for broadcasting service. By YARED TEGAYE, FORTUNE STAFF WRITER
Published on Apr 28,2018 [Vol 18, No 939] (via Mike Cooper, DXLD)

** ETHIOPIA [non]. Reception of Radio Xoriyo Ogaden via MBR Issoudun on May 1
1600-1630 17630 ISS 500 kW / 130 deg to EaAf Somali Mon/Fri, fair/good

From several weeks no signal of BRB Radio Xoriyo Ogaden via TDF Issoudun:
1600-1630 17870 ISS 500 kW / 130 deg to EaAf Somali Mon/Fri, cancelled
http://swldxbulgaria.blogspot.bg/2018/05/reception-of-radio-xoriyo-ogaden-via.html
(Ivo Ivanov, SWLDXBulgaria News, May 1-2, WOR iog via WORLD OF RADIO

1929, DXLD)

FRANCE, Frequency change of BRB Radio Xoriyo Ogaden via TDF Issoudun
1600-1630 NF 17770 ISS 500 kW / 130 deg EaAf Somali Mon/Fri, ex 17870
http://swldxbulgaria.blogspot.com/2018/05/frequency-change-of-brb-radio-xoriyo.html
(Ivo Ivanov, SWLDXBulgaria News, May 1-2, WOR iog via WORLD OF RADIO 1929, DXLD)

FRANCE/GERMANY, Oromo Voice Radio & Voice of Oromo Liberation on May 2
1600-1630 17850 ISS 250 kW / 130 deg EaAf Afan Oromo Mon/Wed/Sat, fair
1700-1730 15420 NAU 100 kW / 144 deg EaAf Afan Oromo/Amharic Wed, good
http://swldxbulgaria.blogspot.bg/2018/05/reception-of-oromo-voice-radio-voice-of.html
(Ivo Ivanov, SWLDXBulgaria News, May 2-3, WOR iog via DXLD)

FRANCE, Frequency change of BRB Radio Xoriyo Ogaden via TDF Issoudun on May 4
1600-1630 NF 17770 ISS 500 kW / 130 deg EaAf Somali Mon/Fri, weak/fair, ex 17870
http://swldxbulgaria.blogspot.bg/2018/05/frequency-change-of-radio-xoriyo-ogaden.html
(Ivo Ivanov, SWLDXBulgaria News, May 3-4, WOR iog via WORLD OF RADIO 1929, DXLD)

FRANCE, Oromo Voice Radio & Voice of Amara Radio via TDF Issoudun on May 5:
Oromo Voice Radio
1600-1630 17850 ISS 250 kW / 130 deg Afan Oromo Mon/Wed/Sat, fair/good
Voice of Amara Radio
1700-1758 15360 ISS 250 kW / 120 deg Amharic Sat/Sun/Mon/Wed very good
http://swldxbulgaria.blogspot.bg/2018/05/oromo-voice-radio-voice-of-amara-radio_6.html
(Ivo Ivanov, SWLDXBulgaria News, May 5-6, WOR iog via DXLD)

FRANCE, Voice of Independent Oromiya & Voice of Amara via TDF Issoudun, May 6
Voice of Independent Oromiya
1600-1630 17850 ISS 250 kW / 130 deg EaAf Afan Oromo Sun, fair to good
Voice of Amara Radio
1700-1800 15360 ISS 250 kW / 120 deg EaAf Amharic Sat-Mon/Wed vry good
http://swldxbulgaria.blogspot.bg/2018/05/voice-of-independent-oromiya-voice-of_7.html
(Ivo Ivanov, SWLDXBulgaria News, May 6-7, WOR iog via DXLD)

GERMANY, Voice of Oromo Liberation via MBR Nauen, May 6
1700-1730 15420 NAU 100 kW / 144 deg Afan Oromo Wed/Fri/Sun, good
http://swldxbulgaria.blogspot.bg/2018/05/voice-of-oromo-liberation-lwf-via-

mbr.html
(Ivo Ivanov, SWLDXBulgaria News, May 6-7, WOR iog via DXLD)

FRANCE, Radio Xoriyo Ogaden & Voice of Amara Radio via TDF Issoudun, May 7
Radio Xoriyo Ogaden
1600-1630 17770 ISS 250 kW / 130 deg EaAf Somali Mon/Fri, good signal
Voice of Amara Radio
1700-1800 15360 ISS 250 kW / 120 deg EaAf Amharic Sat-Mon/Wed verygood

Today May 7 no signal of Oromo Voice Radio/Raadiyoo Sagalee Oromoo
1600-1630 on 17850 ISS 250 kW / 130 deg to EaAf Oromo Mon/Wed/Sat
http://swldxbulgaria.blogspot.bg/2018/05/radio-xoriyo-ogaden-voice-of-amara.html
(Ivo Ivanov, SWLDXBulgaria News, May 7-8, WOR iog via DXLD)

** EUROPE. If you hear a station playing old 1930s records on 5150 kHz, itís probably Charleston Radio International. Although itís an un-licenced station (from Germany?), it now reports a regular schedule (re Facebook 27/4): ìEvery evening 1900-0030 MESZî (i.e. 1700-2230 UT). Until next month, 73s and Good DX! (Alan Pennington, May BDXC-UK Communication via WORLD OF RADIO 1929, DXLD)

[update not received in time to include on WOR 1929:] Charleston Radio International is on new 5140 kHz (ex 5150) this evening. Usual old-time records format. Fair strength but moderate fading at 2115 UT. 73, (Alan Pennington, AOR 7030plus, ALA1530, Caversham, UK, Sent from Mail for Windows 10, May 8, bdxc-news iog via DXLD)

** EUROPE. PIRATE RADIO, Fair to good signal of Russian Pirate SW Radio Europe on May 1
0808 & 0901 5832.5-5832.0 unknown EaEu English/Russian/German/Polish:
http://swldxbulgaria.blogspot.bg/2018/05/fair-to-good-signal-of-russian-pirate.html
(Ivo Ivanov, SWLDXBulgaria News, May 1-2, WOR iog via DXLD)

Russian Pirate Radio Europe, May 3
from 0830 5832.7 unknown tx to EaEu En/Ru/Ge/Po, fair, off air at 0831
http://swldxbulgaria.blogspot.com/2018/05/greek-pirate-zeppelin-radio-russian.html
(Ivo Ivanov, SWLDXBulgaria News, May 2-3, WOR iog via WORLD OF RADIO 1929, DXLD)

** FRANCE. Bretagne 5 back on 1593 kHz. Not sure exactly when they returned to the air, but noted back at 1645 on 16 April (Nick Rank, Buxton, UK, May BDXC-UK Communication via DXLD) Also confirmed by David Duckworth in Salisbury.

Bretagne 5 only returned to 1593 kHz in the past couple of days, maybe only yesterday (16 April) as I'm sure I checked the frequency at the

weekend. Great to have its mix of music back - it fades in here in Reading after dark and is also at good listenable strength around sunrise just on a portable. Why it was off air is a mystery as I can find no mention on its website, I did message the station on Twitter in March, but had no reply. Their Facebook page seems to disappeared and their first Tweet on Twitter since 3 March was this morning, plugging the Meteo Marine (shipping forecast) they carry 3 times each day (Alan Pennington 17 April, May BDXC-UK Communication via DXLD)

** FRANCE. DRM heard again on 1071 kHz -
http://ab27.bplaced.net/drm/drm-tdf-1071.png
It's TDF SMARTCAST from Quimerc'h, France. Current audio is silence only (Alexander Busneag mediumwave.info 7 Apr, via May BDXC-UK Communication via DXLD)

** FRANCE [and non]. Reception of Radio France International, May 7:
0530-0600 on 11790 MDC 250 kW / 305 deg to ECAf Swahili, fair
0600-0700 on 11830 ISS 500 kW / 170 deg to WCAf English, good
http://swldxbulgaria.blogspot.bg/2018/05/reception-of-radio-france-international.html
(Ivo Ivanov, SWLDXBulgaria News, May 6-7, WOR iog via DXLD)

** GERMANY. 3975, 04/08 at 2105, Shortwave Radio, Winsen. English. Shaun Geraghty's "Prog Mill" with melodic & symphonic progressive rock music. Past episodes can be downloaded via
http://www.progzilla.com/shows/the-prog-mill/
55444 (Alan Roe, UK, May CIDX Messenger via DXLD)

Good signal of New Shortwave Radio for Europe, May 2
1955&2100 on 3975 WIS 001 kW / non-dir to NWEu English Daily:
http://swldxbulgaria.blogspot.bg/2018/05/good-signal-of-new-shortwave-radio-for.html
(Ivo Ivanov, SWLDXBulgaria News, May 2-3, WOR iog via DXLD)

Fair signal of New Shortwave Radio for Europe, May 5:
1930 & 2107 on 3975 WIS 001 kW / non-dir to NWEu English Mon-Sat
http://swldxbulgaria.blogspot.bg/2018/05/fair-signal-of-new-shortwave-radio-for.html
(Ivo Ivanov, SWLDXBulgaria News, May 5-6, WOR iog via WORLD OF RADIO 1929, DXLD)

** GERMANY. New time of Radio Waves International via Channel 292 from May 5
0600-0700 6070 ROB 025 kW / non-dir CeEu English Sat, good, ex 07-08
http://swldxbulgaria.blogspot.bg/2018/05/new-time-of-radio-waves-international.html
(Ivo Ivanov, SWLDXBulgaria News, May 3-4, WOR iog via DXLD)

** GERMANY. Good signal of DWD Deutscher Wetterdienst on May 7:
0600-0630 on 5905 PIN 010 kW / non-dir to CeEu German AM mode
0600-0630 on 6180 PIN 010 kW / non-dir to CeEu German AM mode
http://swldxbulgaria.blogspot.bg/2018/05/good-signal-of-dwd-deutscher.html
(Ivo Ivanov, SWLDXBulgaria News, May 6-7, WOR iog via DXLD)

** GERMANY [and non]. Updated schedule of BVBroadcasting via Media Broadcast
http://swldxbulgaria.blogspot.bg/2018/05/updated-schedule-of-bvbroadcasting-via.html
(Ivo Ivanov, SWLDXBulgaria News, May 5-6, WOR iog via DXLD)

** GERMANY EAST. New correspondent ALBERT FORD makes some interesting observations. Radio Berlin International: I wish to thank all concerned for making the complete Sabine Schereck feature article on Radio Berlin International (RBI) available to read on your website.
http://bdxc.org.uk/rbi.pdf
This is most interesting to me as among the many International SW broadcast stations, RBI was one that I too was a listener of but only from 1988 onwards, unfortunately. I was a member of the RBI DX Club but only achieved an H50 RBI diploma as time ran-out, with the stationís closure.

I too have a small collection of RBI memorabilia - programme guides; DX Bulletins; GDR Review magazines; other fact booklets and magazines; stamp sets; stickers; badges and pennant (as in Sabineës article); 1989 and 1990 large pictorial wall calendars and other calendars; a large wall poster; New Year cards; letters from and copies of my correspondence to; as I had received off-air cassette recordings and, of course, QSL cards. Interestingly, the QSL card that I have, which is over-stamped ìLast QSLî and showing Broadcasting House, Berlin, is different to that featured in Sabineís article. Anyway, just like you to know how much I appreciate the article and Sabineís research work for it (Open To Discussion With David Morris, May BDXC-UK Communication via DXLD)

** GREECE. 9420, 04/16 at 1915, V of Greece, Avlis. Greek. Jazz & celtic/folk music with male presenter in a program which Google translates to the enigmatic: BATHES IS BATHROOMING, WINGS THE KEY. Very varied selection of songs - possibly on the theme of World or Planet. 55444 (Alan Roe, UK, May CIDX Messenger via DXLD)

** GREECE. Reception of Voice of Greece on 9420 kHz on May 4:
0653&0656 on 9420 AVL 150 kW / 323 deg to WeEu Greek*tx#03
Same time on 9935 AVL 100 kW / 285 deg via tx#1, no signal
* nx in Arabic/Serbian 0650-0700UT & in Spanish 0804-0809UT
0710UT frequency ANN: 9420/9935 to WeEu/ENam; 11645 to NoAf
http://swldxbulgaria.blogspot.bg/2018/05/reception-of-voice-of-greece-in-

arabic.html
(Ivo Ivanov, SWLDXBulgaria News, May 3-4, WOR iog via DXLD)

Reception of Voice of Greece on 9420 kHz, May 7-8:
from 2100 on 9420 AVL 150 kW / 323 deg to WeEu Greek tx#03
from 0650 on 9420 AVL 150 kW / 323 deg to WeEu Greek*tx#03
Same time on 9935 AVL 100 kW / 285 deg via tx#1, no signal
* news in Arabic/Serbian 0651-0700, at 0708 frequency ANNounced
9420/9935 to WeEu/ENam; 11645 to NoAf. Off air around 0715
http://swldxbulgaria.blogspot.bg/2018/05/reception-of-voice-of-greece-on-9420_8.html
(Ivo Ivanov, SWLDXBulgaria News, May 7-8, WOR iog via DXLD)

Eurovision Song Contest had coverage on Voice of Greece today 8 May from 2045 UT tune-in on 9420 kHz. Expect further coverage this Thursday and Saturday from 1900. (Thanks to Howard Parker for the tip!) (Alan Roe, Teddington, UK, WOR iog via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** GREECE. PIRATE RADIO, Greek pirate Zeppelin Radio, May 1
2005 & 2105 on 7725.9 unknown tx, good/fair signal
http://swldxbulgaria.blogspot.bg/2018/05/reception-of-greek-pirate-zeppelin.html
(Ivo Ivanov, SWLDXBulgaria News, May 1-2, WOR iog via DXLD)

PIRATE RADIO, Greek pirate Zeppelin Radio, May 2
from 1030 on 6001.0 unknown tx, good/fair signal
http://swldxbulgaria.blogspot.bg/2018/05/greek-pirate-zeppelin-radio-on-6001-khz.html
(Ivo Ivanov, SWLDXBulgaria News, May 1-2, WOR iog via DXLD)

PIRATE RADIO, Greek pirate Zeppelin Radio, May 3
from 0825 6001.0 unknown tx to SEEu Music, good and no signal at 0845
http://swldxbulgaria.blogspot.com/2018/05/greek-pirate-zeppelin-radio-russian.html
(Ivo Ivanov, SWLDXBulgaria News, May 2-3, WOR iog via WORLD OF RADIO 1929, DXLD)

** GUAM. Reception of KTWR Trans World Radio Asia in English, May 5
1230-1300 on 12160 TWR 100 kW / 290 deg to SoAs English Sat, good
1317-1346 on 7510 TWR 100 kW / 320 deg to EaAs English Sat, fair
http://swldxbulgaria.blogspot.bg/2018/05/reception-of-ktwr-trans-world-radio.html
(Ivo Ivanov, SWLDXBulgaria News, May 5-6, WOR iog via DXLD)

Reception of KTWR Trans World Radio Asia in English, May 6
1059-1156 on 11965 TWR 100 kW / 263 deg to SEAs English Sun, fair
1102-1146 on 9910 TWR 200 kW / 305 deg to EaAs Chi/Eng Sun, good
http://swldxbulgaria.blogspot.bg/2018/05/reception-of-ktwr-trans-world-radio_6.html
(Ivo Ivanov, SWLDXBulgaria News, May 5-6, WOR iog via DXLD)

** GUATEMALA. 4055, May 3 at 0601 check, R. Verdad is still off earlier than this. Every time I`ve checked website program schedule, it has been years out of date, so reluctant to bother now. It is on, May 4 at 0119 check, poor in storm noise (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** ICELAND. See RADIO EQUIPMENT FORUM --- SDR receptions

** INDIA. New 100 kW SW tx on air in Delhi --- Happy to inform that a 100 kW SW transmitter is on air from Delhi for about 1 month now. The 2nd one of same power will be on air shortly. (these replaces 2 old tx of 100 kW)

The schedule of new tx varies but it can be heard on 11620 at 0700-0800 in Nepali with excellent signals now. Look out on the following frequncies for signals from new 100 kw tx
7505 7555 4870 7250 7380 9835 9950
Yours sincerely, (Jose Jacob, VU2JOS, May 7, WORLD OF RADIO 1929, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

You`d think a brand-new transmitter would not be off-frequency, but: (gh)

Very good signal of All India Radio AIR on May 7
0700-0800 on 11619.8 DEL 100 kW / 102 deg to CeAs Nepali
http://swldxbulgaria.blogspot.bg/2018/05/very-good-signal-of-all-india-radio-air.html
(Ivo Ivanov, SWLDXBulgaria News, May 6-7, WOR iog via WORLD OF RADIO 1929, DXLD)

** INDIA [and non]. AIR, EBU JOIN TO LIVE BROADCAST DAWN CHORUS OF INTERCONTINENTAL BIRD SONGS Friday, May 4, 2018 3:59 PM

The vibrant dawn chorus of birds singing from Soor Sarovar Bird Sanctuary, Agra, and 13 other European countries is to be broadcast live on All India Radio to celebrate International Dawn Chorus Day on 7 May 2017.

http://www.radioandmusic.com/biz/radio/air/170504-air-ebu-join-live-broadcast-dawn-chorus-intercontinental

This special programme can be heard from 4:30 am to 7 am and 9.30 am to 10.30 am [IST = UT +5.5] on 7 May 2017 on the Rajdhani channel (666 kHz) and FM Rainbow channels of All India Radio (via Jaisakthivel, Ardic dx club, Chennai, India, dxldyg via gh via WOR iog via DXLD)

Neat. From 2300 UT Saturday. Might also show up on some SW frequencies of AIR, but they are not saying (Glenn Hauser, ibid.)

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EBU Bird song Natures Symphony Dawn Chorus 2018 (Live from Dublin Ireland):

5 May 2018 Saturday 2258 UTC to 6 May 2018 Sunday 0030 UTC

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ESD AIR joins RTE RADIO 1, IRELAND for Intercontinental ORTHINO-SERENADE (Jose Jacob, dx_india yg via DXLD)

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http://www.rte.ie/radio1/mooney/generic/2016/0312/774437-whats-on-events-movies/

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JOIN US

We have a limited number of audience tickets for this live event. Apply for tickets by email to natureliveaudience@rte.ie

Location: Sir John Rogersonís Quay, Dublin
Date: Sunday 6th May 2018
Time: 16.30 - 18.00
*Gates close at 16.45!

Please note that this is an unseated event and outdoors so you will need to wear appropriate clothing for the Irish weather. We need the following information: The number of tickets you are applying for. Your name, surname, age contact phone number and address. The names, surnames and ages of your guests.

*Unfortunately we cannot accommodate for Children under 12 yrs. All minors under 16 must be accompanied by an adult/guardian

Tickets are limited so first come first served!

In 2005, to mark ten years of the programme, Mooney Goes Wild and the RT… Guide produced a special CD called The Dawn Chorus: A Unique Celebration Of A Melodic Natural Phenomenon. Here we bring you the five tracks that featured on that CD:

1, Dawn Chorus with introduction by Derek Mooney Dur: 17:00
http://www.rte.ie/radio/utils/radioplayer/rteradioweb.html#!rii=9%3A20766718%3A82%3A21%2D04%2D2015%3A
Recorded at Cuskinny Marsh Nature Reserve, Cobh, Co. Cork

2, What Is The Dawn Chorus? Dur: 9:00

http://www.rte.ie/radio/utils/radioplayer/rteradioweb.html#!
rii=9%3A20766719%3A82%3A21%2D04%2D2015%3A
Derek Mooney, Dr. Richard Collins, Eric Dempsey & Jim Wilson

3, Where Birds Sing Dur: 6:00
http://www.rte.ie/radio/utils/radioplayer/rteradioweb.html#!
rii=9%3A20766720%3A82%3A21%2D04%2D2015%3A
Terry Flanagan & Eanna ni Lamhna on location in the Phoenix Park, Dublin

4, How Birds Sing Dur: 8:00
http://www.rte.ie/radio/utils/radioplayer/rteradioweb.html#!
rii=9%3A20766721%3A82%3A21%2D04%2D2015%3A
Derek Mooney, Dr. Richard Collins, Eric Dempsey & Jim Wilson

5, The Birds Of The Dawn Chorus Dur: 16:00
http://www.rte.ie/radio/utils/radioplayer/rteradioweb.html#!
rii=9%3A20766722%3A82%3A21%2D04%2D2015%3A
Derek Mooney, Dr. Richard Collins, Eric Dempsey & Jim Wilson on the subtleties of bird song (featuring: Great tit, Yellowhammer, Song thrush, Blackbird, Woodpigeon, Robin, Wren, Dunnock, Pheasant, Chiffchaff, Willow warbler, Sedge warbler, Cuckoo, Chaffinch, Greenfinch)

Credits

Produced and edited by Derek Mooney, RT…
Contributors: Dr. Richard Collins, Jim Wilson, Terry Flanagan, Eanna ni Lamhna and Eric Dempsey
Sound Recordings: special thanks to Fintan O'Brien, Terry Flanagan and the RT… Radio Outside Broadcast team
Cover illustration: Michael O'Clery

(all Via Dr Jaisakthivel, Ardic DX Club, Chennai, India, 0502 UT May 6, dxldyg via DXLD)

Dawn chorus QSL --- The vibrant dawn chorus of birds singing from Soor Sarovar Bird Sanctuary Agra and 13 other European countries was broadcast on All India Radio to celebrate International Dawn Chorus Day on 7 May 2017.

Those who are missed the program, may listen it here...
http://icecast2.rte.ie/radio1
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Mooney Goes Wild, Donnybrook, Dublin. 1.1K likes. Broadcast on Monday (10-11 pm, RT… Radio 1); repeated Friday (4-5 am, RT… Radio 1) &

Saturday (10-11 am, RT… Radio 1 Extra).

Twitter: @naturerte
Send your comment for special QSL to: mooney@rte.ie
Sent from Yahoo Mail for iPhone
Posted by: (Jaisakthivel, ibid.)

** IRELAND. Dawn Chorus: See INDIA [and non] just above

** ITALY. Bandscan Independent MW Stations from Italy.

NB: All logs, unless otherwise mentioned, as follows: RX: Websdr in Switzerland (near CarÏ, Canton Ticino) ANT: 160m horizontal wire loop, 20m ladder 450ohm, balun 4: DATE: 25.04.2018 (Times UT).

594, 1616 Challenger R (Villa Estense, PD), via websdr in Ravenna;
711, 1622 Media Radio Castellana, via websdr in Ravenna;
846, 1651 Challenger R (Villa Estense, PD);
1098, 1618 Media Radio Castellana, via websdr in Ravenna;
1206, 1605 Amica Radio Veneta (Vigonza, PD);
1350, 1623 I Am R (Milano);
1377, 1627 R One (Pistoia/Lucca area); NB: New frequency Ex 1368;
1395, 1611 R Aemme, Lake Como area?, dominant over R Atlanta Milano;
1395, 1636 R Atlanta Milano (Milano), dominant over R Aemme;
1404, 1608 R 106 (Casalgrande, RE);
1476, 1613 R Briscola (Lenta, VC);
1512, 1607 Mini R (Castano Primo, MI);
1566, 1610 R Kolbe (Schio, VI);
1584, 1614 Free R AM (Trieste);
1602, 1612 RTV R Treviso (Treviso);

Also on 25 April 2018, Alessandro Groppazzi reported as active: Baby Radio on 702 kHz and AM Classic on 819 kHz, both operating from Trieste. More information, including contacts, websites, social networks, E-mail addresses, future plans, transmitter powers, locations, verification of reception reports, etc. about MW stations from Italy on http://www.dxfanzine.net
(Antonello Napolitano, April DX Fanzine via DXLD)

** ITALY [non]. ARMENIA/GERMANY, Reception of IBC Radio via Yerevan & Rohrbach on May 2:
1900-2000 5845 ERV 100 kW / 305 deg WeEu Italian Wed, very good signal
1900-2000 6070 ROB 025 kW / non-dir CeEu Italian Wed good-10 sec delay
2000-2030 5845 ERV 100 kW / 305 deg WeEu English Wed, very good signal
2000-2030 6070 ROB 025 kW / non-dir CeEu English Wed good-10 sec delay
http://swldxbulgaria.blogspot.bg/2018/05/reception-of-ibc-radio-via-yerevan.html
(Ivo Ivanov, SWLDXBulgaria News, May 2-3, WOR iog via DXLD)

** JAPAN [and non]. Members, There are a number of reviews bubbling away in the background. However I noticed that the Japanese data as on the latest spreadsheets in the Files section is incomplete. The most important factor is that the Antenna Configuration part is not properly completed.

I am actually enjoying working hard with Alan Davies to undertake a full attack upon the stations in Japan. Via Facebook there are even tentative approaches underway with Japanese DXers.

During my review I have come to a conclusion which surprised me. Japan has more Tubular masts than any other country on earth. The wonders of spreadsheets allowed me to quickly replace the word Tubular instead of the vague and inaccurate word Tube which appears in old copies.

After a lot of work - including addition of details on the Reserve masts - I am now at 900 kHz. This is approximately 40% through the task. Google Maps has a lot of marks (not quite at the level to match Uruguay) at the positions of most Japanese masts. This is a good starter from which I can work.

Another aspect is the very frequent use of Capacitive Top Hats. These are rivaling those in the Australian bush for extravagant metalwork at the top of the masts.

I will complete the Japanese work and upload the spreadsheets once I have completed that task. 73 and 88 (Dan Goldfarb, May 8, mwmasts iog via DXLD)

** KOREA NORTH. 3320 // 6400, Pyongyang BS, 1124, May 2. With 6400 strong signal, but this frequency certainly not on the air daily, while 3320 is daily (Ron Howard, Asilomar State Beach, CA, EtÛn E1, antenna: 100' long wire, WOR iog via DXLD)

** KOREA NORTH. 9435//11710//13760, V of Korea, 1332 Apr 29 F-G//G//P AM English, Patriotic music, News Now. Great leader crosses dividing line at Panmunjom to meet South Korea leader to discuss peace & re-unification. Newscast ends at 1412, into music. Longest newscast I've ever heard on VOK (Jack Amelar, Port Hope MI2, Kenwood R-1000 PAÿRDT mini-whip & long wire, MARE Tipsheet May 4 via WORLD OF RADIO 1929, DXLD)

9435, V Korea with rousing music including woman sitting on coke bottle vocals [???], in SLIGHTLY better than // 11710 at times, but generally a tad noisier. OM talx in English at JUST the edge of audibility & not really listenable at all. When ARE they in well enough to hear? 2+53+3+2 SNR 5-10 dB // 11710 253+3+2 quieter but no better--SNR 3-8 dB. 28/Apr

11710, V Korea, ID by YL in English, into rousing music. ID into "News Now" (Does VoA know they are using this programme title? at 1338 the lead item being about the meeting in Panmunjom mentioning their 'hand in hand walk' & continuing on for most of the newscast. It was actually the ONLY item & continued for over 20 minutes, without really saying anything new. Then more rousing vocal music. WAY better than yesterday! 3+543+3 with some selective fading. 1331-1420 29/Apr

11710, V Korea with National Anthem, s/on YL in English into rousing music. Then OM talk (news?) in English, but fading fast to 'imagination level' and not really understandable. But for the Natíl Anthem this would be a (presumed). 253+32 to 1+5331+ by 1340. 1330-1350 28/Apr (Ken Zichi, Port Hope MI2, MARE Tipsheet May 4 via DXLD)

9435, Voice of Korea, 1405, man with glowing English commentary on diplomatic triumph of the great leader, and a "new era of peace, prosperity, and unity". Saccharine soprano vocalist followed, Very Good on Longines Symphonette World Traveler portable with whip, Apr 29 (Rick Barton, Logs from Central Arizona, Grundig Satellit 205/5000 & 750; RS SW-2000629, Zenith R-7000 TO, ATS-909x with Slinky and other outdoor wires. 73 and Good Listening....! -rb, WOR iog via DX LISTENNG DIGEST)

AMENDED A18/2 SUMMER SCHEDULE OF THE VOICE OF KOREA, PYONGYANG, DPR Korea (North) effective Saturday, 05 May 2018, 03:00 UT

Hello! On Saturday, 05 May 2018, 0300 UT, VOICE OF KOREA, the official external broadcasting service of the DPR Korea (North) from Pyongyang, will introduce the amended A18/2 Summer schedule due to the resetting of Pyongyang Standard time to UT +9. Please find detailed lists attached.

VOICE OF KOREA are anxious to get reception reports and letters from their listeners. Please send all mail to:

VOICE OF KOREA
PYONGYANG
DPR KOREA (NORTH)

eMail: VOK@star-co.net.kp [WORLD OF RADIO 1929]
http://vok.rep.kp/CBC/index.php?CHANNEL=6

Enjoy listening and our hobby! Vy 73, (Arnulf Piontek, Berlin, Germany, May 2, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Usual three versions of the schedules were attached, into the WOR iog. They are tough to edit for plain text, and presumably contain the same

info as in Ivo`s version in DXLD 18-18 (gh)

If you do not like the flash-trash-player, you can also use the Videolan Media Player. Here is the link for the latest mailbag program:
rtmp://175.45.176.75:1935/CBC_PDDATA/CBC_IEE180320016/IEE180320016.flv
The flv-container contains a normal MP3-file with 128 kbps/44 kHz.
(roger, germany, ibid.)

Is their e-mail address still active? (Eduardo Peralta, Argentina, ibid.)

===> "VOK@star-co.net.kp"

Aus der a-dx-Mailing-Liste:

Am 19.03.2018 um 17:53 schrieb ¶¶¶¶¶¶¶ :
Hallo, diese Adresse wird bei mir schon bei Versuch des Sendens abgewiesen. Gab es da nicht schon einmal die Meldung, daſl man f¸r diese Adresse einen Brief nach Nordkorea senden muſl, mit seiner Mailadresse, damit man sie freigeschaltet bekommt? Derartige Spielchen mag ich gar nicht. Das scheint so zu sein, f¸r mein Empfinden, daſl man sich dort aussucht, wessen Berichte oder Kommentare man zul%ſlt!?

From the a-dx mailing list: [translation]

Hello, this address will be rejected already on attempt of sending. Was not there ever the message, that you have to send a letter to North Korea for this address with your e-mail address so that you can get it unlocked? I do not like games like that. That seems to be so, for my feeling that one selects oneself, whose reports or comments one admits!?

It looks like you need a written request first, so that your own mailing address comes on a whitelist - assuming positive comments. And then everything will definitely go its "socialist gait". ;-)
(roger, germany, WORLD OF RADIO 1929, ibid.)

On 30/04/2018 14:28, Ivo Observer wrote:
North Korea to shift time zone from GMT+8.5 to GMT+9 from May 6. More info is here
<http://swldxbulgaria.blogspot.bg/2018/04/voice-of-korea.html>

Thanks for the updates. It appears they have already shifted. German broadcast on 12015 kHz started at 1600 UT today. 73 (Nick B., May 4, Hard-Core-DX mailing list via DXLD)

11710, Voice of Korea at 1500 UT May 6 with English sign on with

Anthem followed by one "military" tune then ID as VOK Voice of Korea News Now. Newscast to 1518 then into traditional Korean music. Schedule including new times given at 1555. Very Good // 9435 kHz also Very Good. Into French programs at 1600 UT. 73 (Mick Delmage, Alberta, Rx: Perseus SDR, Ant: Wellbrook ALA100 loop, WOR iog via DXLD)

Reception of European Services of Voice of Korea on May 6
Wrong freq ANN in English 7570, 12015 kHz, instead of 13760, 15245
Wrong freq ANN in Russian 6170, 9425 kHz, instead of 9425, 12015
1300-1357 on 13760 KUJ 200 kW / 325 deg to WeEu English
1300-1357 on 15245 KUJ 200 kW / 325 deg to WeEu English
1400-1457 on 9425 KUJ 200 kW / 325 deg to EaEu Russian
1400-1457 on 12015 KUJ 200 kW / 325 deg to EaEu Russian
http://swldxbulgaria.blogspot.bg/2018/05/reception-of-european-services-of-voice.html
(Ivo Ivanov, SWLDXBulgaria News, May 5-6, WOR iog via WORLD OF RADIO 1929, DXLD)

** KOREA NORTH [non]. 9560, TAIWAN Furusato no kaze (via Tamsui District) at 1440. M, W in Japanese, pop music ("The Locomotion") then more talk. Good - May 6 (Rick Barton, Logs from Central Arizona, Grundig Satellit 205/5000 & 750; RS SW-2000629, ATS-909x. with Slinky and other outdoor wires. 73 and Good Listening....! DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** KOREA NORTH [non]. 9685, JAPAN, Nippon no kaze/il bon ue baram (Japan oppo v. NK & presumed the one) at 1540. Monologue with W in (listed) Korean. Instrumental music a cupla minutes at 1457 and off. Weak - Apr 30 (Rick Barton, Logs from Central Arizona, Grundig Satellit 205/5000 & 750; RS SW-2000629, Zenith R-7000 TO, ATS-909x with Slinky and other outdoor wires. 73 and Good Listening....! -rb, WOR iog via DX LISTENNG DIGEST)

** KOREA NORTH [and non]. 3985, SOUTH KOREA (oppo) Echo of Hope/Voice of Hope at 1140. M with (listed Korean) monologue and buried under jamming station. Heh heh, after all that hugging and kissing over the weekend, South Korea still has stations in opposition to North Korea and the DPRK still jams broadcasts from the ROK. Apr 30 (Rick Barton, Logs from Central Arizona, Grundig Satellit 205/5000 & 750; RS SW-2000629, Zenith R-7000 TO, ATS-909x with Slinky and other outdoor wires. 73 and Good Listening....! -rb, WOR iog via DX LISTENNG DIGEST)

** KOREA NORTH [non]. UZBEKISTAN, Radio Free North Korea & Voice of Wilderness via Tashkent on May 7
1200-1300 on 15630 TAC 100 kW / 076 deg to NEAs Korean R.Free North Korea, very good
1330-1530 on 7625 TAC 100 kW / 070 deg to NEAs Korean Voice of Wilderness fair-good

http://swldxbulgaria.blogspot.bg/2018/05/radio-free-north-korea-voice-of.html
(Ivo Ivanov, SWLDXBulgaria News, May 6-7, WOR iog via DXLD)

** KOREA NORTH & SOUTH. LA DISTENSI”N EN LA PENÕNSULA COREANA REPERCUTIR¡ EN LA PROPAGANDA RADIOF”NICA --- 01/05/2018

De cambio histÛrico y respaldo a la paz y la reunificaciÛn es considerada en Pyongyang la DeclaraciÛn conjunta firmada recientemente por el presidente del Partido del Trabajo de Corea (PT), Kim Jong-un, y el mandatario surcoreano, Moon Jae In.

Resultado de imagen para propaganda en la peninsula coreana [capciÛn]

El texto, fue rubricado por ambos mandatarios el viernes ˙ltimo en la Casa de la Paz de Panmunjom, cuando subrayaron a 80 millones de coreanos y a todo el mundo que no habr· nunca m·s guerra en la PenÌnsula Coreana.

De acuerdo con ese documento, la RPDC y Corea del Sur reanudar·n en breve los di·logos y negociaciones en distintos sectores, incluidas conversaciones de alto nivel, a fin de tomar medidas para poner en pr·ctica los acuerdos de la Cumbre.

El texto precisa que Pyongyang y Se˙l instalar·n en breve en la zona fronteriza de Kaesong la Oficina Conjunta de Enlace Norte-Sur, donde permanecer·n autoridades de ambas partes con el objetivo de estrechar los debates entre las autoridades y asegurar satisfactoriamente el intercambio y la cooperaciÛn de nivel civil.

El texto seÒala adem·s que Pyongyang y Seul paralizaron desde el primero de mayo prÛximo todos los actos hostiles, sobre todo, la radiodifusiÛn con altavoces y el lanzamiento de volantes en la zona de la lÌnea de demarcaciÛn militar, desmantelar·n sus medios y convertir·n en el futuro la Zona Desmilitarizada en una realmente pacÌfica.

Es importante seÒalar que a˙n siguen en el aire un sinn˙mero de emisoras de radio propagandÌsticas que transmiten en onda corta por lo que se aventuran cambios para los prÛximos meses de continuar esta tendencia hacia la distensiÛn (source? via GRA blog via DXLD)

** KOREA NORTH [and non]. NORTH KOREANS CONTINUE TO SEEK OUT FOREIGN RADIO DESPITE CRACKDOWN --- Via Daily NK, Seoul, South Korea

Police in North Korea have recently focused their attention on cracking down on listeners of South Korean radio broadcasts in another sign of the government's dual-approach to warming ties with the South, according to a source inside the country.

Speaking from Ryanggang Province on April 24, a source told Daily NK that "police have begun inspections of households possessing radios,î explaining that one method used to restrict radio usage includes applying stickers to the tuning buttons to prevent users from finding foreign broadcasts.

State-approved radios in North Korea are fixed to prevent tuning to non-official stations, but the authorities have used additional methods in recent times to handle the increasing amount of personal radios in the country. In addition to radio controls, authorities also place heavy restrictions on DVD players, phones, televisions, and other media devices.

"The central authorities ordered the crackdown to thoroughly prevent people from listening to foreign stations. Anticipating that people would be listening to South Korean broadcasts, some officials are planning to simply seize all radios," the source added.

With multiple foreign-based stations targeting North Korean people through daily broadcasts, including South Korea's KBS, Voice of America, Radio Free Asia and more, the authorities have grown more concerned about these programs reaching the ears of the people, leading to their deployment of powerful jamming technology.

In 2015, the government under Kim Jong Un revised the countryís criminal law to strengthen restrictions on foreign information. The law stated in 2012 that "(those listening to enemy broadcasts) should be sentenced to 5 years reform labor in extreme cases," but this was changed to "5 to 10 years" in 2015.

But despite the crackdown, North Koreans continue to secretly watch and listen to foreign broadcasts in greater numbers.

"There are people who only want to listen to the radio more as a result of restrictions," a source in South Pyongan Province said, explaining that arrests in the latest crackdown are a result of this 'reverse psychology' enticing people to want something more when told it is forbidden.

"There are some cases where people can bribe their way out of it, but others are having their radios confiscated, which in many cases means the police just end up taking them home for personal use," he added. It is typical for those North Koreans willing to take the risk to listen to foreign broadcasts to remove the stickers or otherwise modify their devices to get around government controls.

Both sources said that skilled individuals are often able to find the

South Korean stations on their radios, but there are occasional crackdowns when authorities hear about these cases.

However, many believe that the authorities will not be able to keep up with the efforts of resourceful and curious North Koreans who are testing the boundaries of state control.

"Many in the younger generation say that modifying their radios is 'easy as pie,'" and that "when one person figures out how to do it, they gather in secret to share it with people around them," a separate source in Ryanggang Province said.

"People have hardly any interest in the propaganda broadcasts they've been hearing since they were 5 or 6 years old. The reality is now that no matter what their background is, everyone is hungry for new information." (via May CIDX Messenger via DXLD)

** KOREA NORTH [and non]. KOREA: X-BORDER RADIO
https://www.northkoreatech.org

Among the agreements reached by North and South Korea on Friday 27th April is one that could have a quick effect on propaganda radio broadcasts on the Korean peninsula. The two countries agreed:

South and North Korea agreed to completely cease all hostile acts against each other in every domain, including land, air and sea, that are the source of military tension and conflict. In this vein, the two sides agreed to transform the demilitarized zone into a peace zone in a genuine sense by ceasing as of May 1 this year all hostile acts and eliminating their means, including broadcasting through loudspeakers and distribution of leaflets, in the areas along the Military Demarcation Line.

One immediate effect of the summit was the silencing of the x-border audio broadcasts that were a regular feature from high powered loudspeakers.

On the radio waves, propaganda broadcasts flow freely across the inter-Korean border, largely from the South to the North for hours and hours each day. The South Koreans have two radio stations operated by the National Intelligence Service, Voice of the People and Echo of Hope, and a station run by the military, Voice of Freedom.

A radio broadcasting station in South Korea, believed to broadcast propaganda at North Korea (Photo: North Korea Tech) [caption]

The stations broadcast anti-regime propaganda and news and are aggressively jammed by North Korea, which broadcasts noise on the same

frequency to make the program difficult to listen to.

North Korea isnít quite as active at sending radio broadcasts to the south, in part because few people in South Korea bother with shortwave radio these days.

But the South Korean government does broadcast over the top of North Koreaís domestic radio and TV signals so citizens in and around Seoul cannot hear the broadcasts.

Looking at the wording of the agreement, the South Korean governmentís three propaganda stations probably fall under the definition of ìhostile acts,î as they exist solely to target the other country. The jamming of domestic broadcasts, both in North and South, doesnít quite fit the definition because itís aimed at each governmentís own citizens.

So, will the stations go off the air?

Echo of Hope has been on the air since 1973 and Voice of the People since 1986 so doing so ceasing transmissions would be somewhat historic, but everything about the summit has been just that.

Further Reading:
Detailed investigation of South Korean ìmystery stationsî
https://www.northkoreatech.org/2013/11/25/is-this-a-south-korean-propaganda-radio-station/
https://www.northkoreatech.org/2014/06/13/south-korea-steps-up-propaganda-radio-broadcasts/
(via May-June Mediumwave News via DXLD)

** KOREA SOUTH [non]. USA, 9605. KBS. Abril 29. 0118-0159 UT. VÌa WHRI. Programa ìCine en la Radioî con la descripciÛn de una pelÌcula, luego top de pelÌculas m·s vistas en Corea del Sur y canciÛn de la pelÌcula: ìEres mi destinoî con una pequeÒa reseÒa de la misma. A las 0128, se emite: ìEl buzÛn del radioescuchaî con comentarios de la reuniÛn intercoreana y una p·gina especial realizada por Kbs. TambiÈn se indica la nula cantidad de cartas de papel; luego lecturas de informes de recepciones de fines de Marzo. A las 0134, se emite: ìLiteratura en audio: La vegetarianaî sobre el encuentro de la protagonista con su cuÒado. Desde las 0139 se escucha la banda SS301 con el tema ìA-haî. Desde las 0143, se contin˙a con la correspondencia electrÛnica. Y a las 0150 se emite el segmento: ìCon sabor a Kimchiî con la descripciÛn de la sopa galbitang. A las 0158, se despide el servicio junto a la canciÛn: ìNo no noî de APINK. SINPO: 55555
(Claudio Galaz, RX: Tecsun PL-660; Ant: Hilo de 40 metros de largo; QTH: Barraza Bajo, IV RegiÛn, Chile, condiglista yg via DXLD)

** KURDISTAN [non]. On 2nd April and also on 2nd & 3rd May on 11530 kHz as programs in Turkish were confirmed at *0501-0540* UT featuring news in Turkish language at 0530-0539 UT followed by gunshots, shouts and emotional speeches in Kurdish language, so it is maybe some TV relay from V of Homeland / Dendzhi Welat (Rumen Pankov-BUL, via wwdxc BC-DX TopNews April / May 6, BC-DX 8 May via DXLD)

** KUWAIT. Since 1997, I have tried unsuccessfully to obtain confirmation from English radio service Kuwait :-) And finally, on April 27, 2018 came the package! The package included QSL-Certificate and a desktop flip-flop the calendar for 2018 of the Ministry of Information of Kuwait. The envelope was torn in several places and inaccurately sealed with an adhesive tape with logos sorting center "Post of Russia" at the airport "Vnukovo". Date sent from Kuwait 22.02.2018. Confirmed acceptance [reception] of 7/10/2017. at 1815 UT on the frequency 15540 kHz in English. Was there anything else in the envelope? I never know Now... (Sergei Shokhin, Moskovskaya oblast, Selyatino, Russia / "deneb-radio-dx" via QSL World, Rus-DX 6 May via DXLD)

Two small packets came from Radio Kuwait. One was sent on February 20, the other exactly one month later. Both came simultaneously and in a damaged form, although the receipt stamp in damaged form was only on one. Both packages contained desktop calendars for 2018. And in the envelope sent in March there was also a QSL-certificate for the reception in June 2017. It turns out a new station, before only calendars and the schedule was sent (Victor Varzin, Leningradskaya oblast, Kommunar, Russia / "deneb-radio-dx", QSL World, Rus-DX 6 May via DXLD)

15540/DRM, R Kuwait, English talx re religious stuff, a PSA for parking regulations, then thumpity-thump pop music, ID & news at BoH into jazzy music. In maybe 90+% of the time, fluctuation from 10 dB S/N which didn't decode to 23 dB which worked perfectly. 90% decode. 1807-1850 28/Apr (Ken Zichi, Port Hope MI2, MARE Tipsheet May 4 via WORLD OF RADIO 1929, DXLD)

Reception of MOI Radio Kuwait General Service on May 3
from 0800 on 15515 KBD 250 kW / 059 deg to EaAs Arabic, very good
http://swldxbulgaria.blogspot.bg/2018/05/reception-of-moi-radio-kuwait-general.html
(Ivo Ivanov, SWLDXBulgaria News, May 2-3, WOR iog via DXLD)

Around 2015 UT I am getting a JBA signal on 17550, sounds like Arabic music. Seems R. Kuwait has finally activated and/or started to propagate this long-dormant broadcasts to Central & Western North America, per HFCC: ``17550 2000 2400 6,7 KBD 250 350 0 216 1234567 250318 281018 D 14750 Ara KWT RKW MOI 12058``

Could be better further east altho aimed further west (Glenn, OK, 2033 UT May 4, WOR iog via WORLD OF RADIO 1929, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Soon replies mentioning ``17750``, I hope typos for correct 17550:

At 2109 May 4 17750 [sic] was good copy using a 17m yagi in that direction; weaker but copyable on the Wellbrook loop. 73 (Don Moman, Lamont, Alberta, ibid.)

At 2117 UT I see only two strings of REE Noblejas on 16 mb; strong 17855 kHz S=9+25dB in NY state USA remote unit. S=9+5dB in southern Germany. and 17715 kHz tiny S=4-5, similar in Liverpool, and BEL and Germany. REE 15390 S=9 on various places.

Nothing 'seen' heard on 17750 [sic] kHz unfortunately on my access points, not in Europe, - nor in NY state.

15540 kHz DRM signal just for nothing, 2030 UT, R Kuwait En scheduled, heard S=9+20dB in NY state USA remote site. 73 (wb df5sx 2123 UT, ibid.)

The smaller Wellbrook loop often does a bit better on the higher frequencies. 17750 [sic] is still doing quite well at 2325 (Don Moman, ibid.)

Nothing here at 2323 UT? 73 (Mick Delmage, AB, ibid.)

Just after I mentioned they were still good at 2315 and clicked send, they went off (or way down) around 2318. Still a weak carrier but could be anyone (Don Moman, ibid.)

17550, May 5 at 2216, JBA carrier, again presumed R. Kuwait reactivated. Regarding others checking `17750`` yesterday, Wolfgang B¸schel replies May 5:

``Okay Glenn, sorry, checked the wrong fq yesterday night. Now 17550 kHz is a S=9+20dB signal here in western Europe / southern Germany, Radio Kuwait in Arabic, female presenter etc. At 2031 UT May 05. Excellent audio, refurbished and replaced mid 90ties SW gear units now. 20 kHz wideband signal. wb`` (Glenn Hauser, OK, WORLD OF RADIO 1929, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Hi Glenn, sorry my typo started others down the wrong path; I'm pretty sure I was tuned correctly to 17550. Any signal on 17550 yesterday and today has been quite poor with the solar wind increase (Don Moman, AB, 2130 UT May 6, WOR iog via DXLD)

MOI Radio Kuwait has finally started long-dormant broadcasts to ENAm, May 5:
2000-2400 on 17550 KBD 250 kW / 350 deg to ENAm Arabic General Service, strong signal
http://swldxbulgaria.blogspot.bg/2018/05/radio-kuwait-has-finally-started-long.html
(Ivo Ivanov, SWLDXBulgaria News, May 5-6, WOR iog via DXLD)

As I first discovered May 4, calling it ``long-dormant``. And it`s for WNAm, not ENAm, per CIRAF/azimuth (gh)

** KYRGYZSTAN. KYRGYZ REPUBLIC 5129.954 Afghan Christian Radio (TWR ties) in Pashto via 5130 kHz KGZ SW Relay Sce, Krasnaya Rechka, Bishkek, noted in remote Perseus Tokyo Japan S=6-7 around 1650 UT, and then also (listen attached recordings) around 1708-1709 and 1752 to 1759 UT on May 8, S=9+5dB.

In range Tuesday I tuned-in at 1645-1759 UT. Religious song ended around 1754 UT. Empty carrier on air, til Bishkek TX switch off at 1758:40 UT (Wolfgang B¸schel, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** MALAYSIA. Fair to good signal of RTM Sarawak FM on May 6 from 2000 on 9835 KAJ 100 kW / 093 deg to SEAs Malaysian
http://swldxbulgaria.blogspot.bg/2018/05/fair-to-good-signal-of-rtm-sarawak-fm.html
(Ivo Ivanov, SWLDXBulgaria News, May 6-7, WOR iog via DXLD)

9835, Sarawak FM, via Kajang (on the west coast of the Malaysia peninsula), 1311-1402, May 8. Live coverage of the 60th International Qur'an Recitation and Memorization competition being held May 7 to 12, at Merdeka Hall, Putra World Trade Center, Kuala Lumpur; many segments of about 10 minutes with reciting from the Qur'an; a number of women reciting.

BTW - May 9, is the day of the 14th Malaysian general election, to vote for members of Parliament. Will RTM have special coverage? (Ron Howard, Asilomar State Beach, CA, EtÛn E1, antenna: 100' long wire, WOR iog via WORLD OF RADIO 1929, DXLD)

** MEXICO. RAYMIE`S MEXICO BEAT this week --- [including some TDT/DTV]

The appearances of all five presidential candidates at the National Radio and Television Week have also served as a chance for the candidates to say what they'd do for broadcasters.

    Ricardo Anaya

Ricardo Anaya, the PAN-PRD-MC "Por MÈxico al Frente" candidate who is

running a closer second in the polls, wants political parties to be able to buy their own airtime again,
http://www.dossierpolitico.com/vernoticias.php?artid=204175&relacion=dossierpolitico&mas=2
which was prohibited post-2007. (Business groups attacked LÛpez Obrador in several privately paid ads during the 2006 campaign.) This posture generated a loud round of applause from the broadcasters. Anaya says in the wake of competition from the internet, the old regulatory model does not work. He also wants to reduce the fiscal burden on broadcasters, who pay in taxes and airtime.

JosÈ Antonio Meade

Speaking on Monday, the PRI-PVEM-Nueva Alianza candidate has proposed a less onerous fiscal regime for broadcasters
https://twitter.com/marariveraa/status/991810414823518210
and for broadcasters to have more commercial inventory during electoral season when they must air so many spots.
https://twitter.com/marariveraa/status/991808661663178752

AndrÈs Manuel LÛpez Obrador

The first of two candidates to face the CIRT today, AMLO assured broadcasters that their concessions won't change
https://twitter.com/cirt_/status/992091940412784640?ref_src=twsrc%5Etfw&ref_url=http%3A%2F%2Fwww.cirt.com.mx%2Fportal%2Findex.php%2Afiliados%2Fsintesis
under him and said that the buying of official airtime should be done in accordance with the law and the Constitution in response to the recent buying of airtime by a private group, Mexicanos Primero, running ads about education reform.

Jaime RodrÌguez CalderÛn

"El Bronco", who went last, said that he would abolish an 80-year-old Mexican broadcast tradition, calling La Hora Nacional "idiocy"
https://twitter.com/marariveraa/status/992103925531590656
and saying he'd use the time to put on music or some other useful programming; he also wants to end the provision of spot airtime to political parties.

Margarita Zavala

The other independent in the field will speak tomorrow.

Edit: Here are some highlights from Zavala's participation in the event:

-A program to protect journalists in accord with the level of risk they face
-She supports the ban on private electoral advertising because it was used for "vengeance"
-She calls the combination of spots and official time "an abuse of your stations, an abuse of your networks"

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A change of plans in Ensenada will see Classic not go on the air there as originally intended. Instead, Hits FM will be put on 92.1 and the new 94.7 XHPENS will be La Caliente, which had been on 92.1.

This is something of a surprise because it actually means Hits FM will be on the better signal (XHHC is Class AA, XHPENS is Class A). It may be explained by the fact that Multimedios does not own XHHC outright.

Last edited by Raymie; 05-04-2018 at 02:23 PM. (Raymie Humbert, Phúnix AZ, originally May 3, WTFDA Forum via DXLD)

The IFT had more broadcasting matters on its mind on April 25...

Station Transfers

XEGL-AM is sold from JosÈ Ra˙l GÛmez Ballesteros to Renovando la ComunicaciÛn, S.A. de C.V.

XHCZ-FM is transferred from OrganizaciÛn Editorial Mexicana, S.A. de C.V. to MÈxico Radio, S.A. de C.V.

XHERJ-FM is transferred from Radio Mazatl·n, S.A. to Radio RJ de Mazatl·n, S.A. de C.V. (This A90 clear has yet to move.)

XHFW-FM and XHTW-FM are sold from Flores, S.A. de C.V. to Radio Centinela, S.A. de C.V. and Multimedios Radio, S.A. de C.V., respectively. (All of the former Flores stations are now owned by Multimedios Radio directly.)

XHMSN-FM is transferred from Jorge ¡lvaro G·mez Gonz·lez to Dominio Radio, S.A. de C.V.

Permit Forest

Chilpancingo, Gro. (2 applications) - The application from Impulso a la M˙sica Mexicana was approved over another bidder.

Cintalapa-Jiquipilas, Chis. (3 applications) - The winners are Erasmo ¡ngel Ruiz and Amadeo CoutiÒo Aguilar.

New Stations

Fomento Cultural Reynosa, A.C. ó social AM, Reynosa, Tamps.
Universidad AutÛnoma EspaÒa de Durango, A.C. ó social TDT, Durango, Dgo. (permit discontinuity, XHUNES-TDT?)
Enlace Taranda, A.C. ó*social community FM, Tarandacuao, Gto.

There were also several technical changes approved (six stations including XHACN and XHZS-FM/Sin.) and repacking packages for Televisa and TV Azteca (Raymie, May 4, ibid.)

First on the Mexico Beat: Reassigned

When the April 11 IFT meeting agenda showed up, it mentioned two second-wave migration authorizations for Salamanca and Puebla ó a highly curious fact that pointed to recycling of the authorized frequencies, particularly as XEEG and XEZT failed to pony up in Puebla.

We now have the meeting notes and know who will take the frequencies.

In central Guanajuato, XEZH turned down the frequency by a letter in September; this will go to XESAG (1040), the other applicant, which will migrate (and almost certainly change formats ó it's Radio Lobo, same as but separate from XHY-FM Celaya). We still don't know what the frequency actually is.

Puebla's new stations will be Cincoradio's 1210 XEPUE on 92.1 and Grupo ACIR's 1310 XEHIT on 95.5. (The meeting notes say XHHIT-FM, but we know that already exists and XHEHIT-FM is more likely. There is no XHPUE-FM currently.) Apparently the others couldn't pay up *on time*. (Raymie, May 4, ibid.)

The CIRT has a new leader.

Edgar Pereda GÛmez of Jalisco is out and JosÈ Luis RodrÌguez Aguirre, director of Respuesta RadiofÛnica, is in.
http://plazadearmas.com.mx/lidera-queretano-la-radio-y-television/
Respuesta RadiofÛnica is the largest station group in QuerÈtaro with ties to both Radiorama and Radio Centro. In fact, RodrÌguez Aguirre is the grandson of Radio Centro founder Francisco Aguirre JimÈnez.

He is also the son of JosÈ Luis RodrÌguez Ibarra, who started Respuesta RadiofÛnica and in 2011 received the Premio Antena from the CIRT
http://arvm.mx/antena-cirt-para-tres-radiodifusores/

ó*in fact, RodrÌguez Aguirre is following in his father's footsteps at the CIRT, as RodrÌguez Ibarra was its president between 1985 and 1986. At Radio Centro, he began operations of the first three FM stations in the group, http://prensa.arte-contemporaneo.com.mx/2015/10/05/invitacion-a-la-conferencia-exitos-y-fracasos-del-mundo-actual-por-el-ing-jose-luis-rodriguez-ibarra/ which signed on in 1973 and moved to Chiquihuite in 1989.

Among this year's Premio Antena winners were JosÈ Bonilla Robles of Grupo B-15 in Zacatecas, and Sergio Rojano Sahab, he of XHROJ-FM fame (Raymie, May 6, ibid.)

Time for more callsigns from the social concession list, and hoo boy, it's more templated callsigns:

XHSCBC-FM 107.5 TÈmoris (Guazapares), Chih. (Radio Los Compadres, A.C.)
XHSCBS-FM 98.9 Tarandacuao, Gto. (Enlace Taranda, A.C.)

This also explains the XHSIAA-FM calls for an indigenous station in Oaxaca.

Also new social:

XESMA-AM 1280 San Miguel de Allende (FCSM)
XEFCR-AM 1670 Reynosa (Fomento Cultural Reynosa, A.C.) - This is an unusual assignment as I expected this to be a reserved band. This is the first new X-bander on AM in about seven years and the first outside of the Mexico City area and Tijuana (as XEFCSM 1700 MÈrida changed to 680 before going on air).

XHBCPZ-FM 95.1 La Paz BCS (Luis Roberto M·rquez Pizano)
XHCAG-FM 94.3 Capilla de Guadalupe Jal. (JosÈ de Jes˙s Navarro Franco)
XHCCE-FM 90.5 Chetumal (Culturalmente Chetumal, A.C.)
XHCOB-FM 95.3 Cd. ObregÛn (FCSM)
XHCOS-FM 89.3 Cosoleacaque-Minatitl·n Ver. (FRCJ)
XHPECP-FM 88.7 Chilpancingo (Impulso a la M˙sica Mexicana)
XHPEAQ-FM 100.5 Jiquipilas Chis. (Amadeo CoutiÒo Aguilar) ó*no calls or frequency determined for Erasmo ¡ngel Ruiz's station here
XHXOX-FM 90.5 Oaxaca (Santa Cruz XOXocotl·n and others), Oax. (FRCJ)

XHPBDG-TDT 11 Durango (Universidad AutÛnoma del Estado de Durango) ó social station with public calls (Raymie, May 6, ibid.)

A little more info is also available as to one of the recent awards of

social stations in Veracruz. XHATV-FM 104.3 in ¡lamo Temapache is owned by Ageo Hern·ndez Hern·ndez, andóAWOO!

It's the legalization of an existing pirate, UnciÛn FM 104.7, which does indeed have programs from a pastor named...Ageo Hern·ndez. https://www.facebook.com/uncionfmoficial/photos/a.450860965091733.1073741827.447315385446291/991627877681703/?type=3&theater

It's almost certain that XHATV will be a religious wolf, the first in the state of Veracruz. It would appear as if a good number of these new social stations, particularly awarded to individuals, will be wolves.

At least one other award to an individual in recent months could be a wolf. At Cintalapa, Chiapas, one of two permit forest awards was to Erasmo ¡ngel Ruiz, who is connected in at least one source to Christian station "Radio Estrella" on 95.9 (Raymie, May 6, ibid.)

The National Radio and Television Week was the occasion for many, many newspaper columns, a couple of which are actually of interest here:

For Milenio, Javier Orozco http://www.milenio.com/firmas/javier_orozco_gomez/candidatos-promesas-cirt-radiodifusion_18_1171262863.html lamented that the five presidential candidates "appear to lack even minimal knowledge" of the broadcasting sector, noting that their speeches lacked depth and detail on industry matters.

In the same newspaper, Hugo Gonz·lez http://www.milenio.com/firmas/hugo_gonzalez/comunicaciones-transportes-cambio_18_1171262888.html focused on the appearance of IFT president Gabriel Contreras, where he made two key points: that the IFT is not the police to go after pirate radio stations, and that new media required radio and television deregulation to stay competitive (Raymie, May 7, ibid.)

A Chihuahua radio personality died after a botched liposculpture procedure.

Griselda Ramos worked for GRD and had a presence on XHES Antena FM and its associated cable station Antena TV, hosting TV programs since the station started up five years ago.

Ramos, who was from Ojinaga, died in Ciudad CuauhtÈmoc on Friday as the result of a procedure conducted by …rick EspÌritu; the cause of death was a heart attack. He was taken in for questioning by state investigative officials. The plastic surgeon was not licensed in the state of Chihuahua.

http://elpuntero.com.mx/n/76221/no-contaba-con-cedula-profesional-para-ejercer-como-cirujano-plastico-en-chihuah
Ramos was 41 years old (Raymie, May y9, ibid.)

First on the Mexico Beat: Who's the Rate?

One of the newest presences in Mexican social broadcasting, at least on the concession rolls, is Rate Cultural y Educativa de MÈxico, A.C. This civil association, about which I could find nothing, owns three stations, all awarded in the last 18 months. These are

    XHGPE-FM 96.1 Guadalupe-Zacatecas
    XHANZ-FM 92.1 Manzanillo
    XHPECR-FM 88.7 Puerto Vallarta

XHPECR's concession appeared in the RPC today, so I figured I'd give another shot at trying to find information on the group.

The legal residence of RCE is Chicago 149-A, Col. N·poles in Mexico City. Searching the address brought up two results of note: the Mexico City offices of the newspaper Zacatecas en Imagen,
https://www.imagenzac.com.mx/contacto.php
and directory records showing a "Grupo Reflejos, S.A. de C.V." at the site.

Grupo Reflejos showed up in just one document, a CNDH bid record. Its director general was listed as Maricarmen Olivares GutiÈrrez. GutiÈrrez is also listed in the masthead of an edition of Revista GyE, which is also published by Grupo Editorial Zacatecas, just like Zacatecas en Imagen.

Zacatecas could be said to be crawling with wolves as a state. In addition to RCE, there are three Grupo ZER wolves on FM and an unbuilt social TV wolf; Grupo B-15 has its social wolf TV, and so does NTR. There is also a social mining station (XHESP-FM/Zac.) just awarded in Mazapil. Several other wolves were turned away when the Zacatecas permit forest was cleared.

[tagline:] Este programa es p˙blico, ajeno a cualquier partido polÌtico. Queda prohibido el uso para fines distintos a los establecidos en el programa (Raymie, May 9, ibid.)

** NEPAL. RADIO NEPAL REGIONAL STATION AT SURKHET STREAMING ONLINE

Government broadcaster Radio Nepal used to stream five of their regional radio services from its main website [radionepal.org.np] but then dropped them and reverted to just streaming their main national service. Now one of these regional services - Radio Surkhet - has set

up its own website with live audio streaming at
http://www.radiosurkhet.org.np
broadcasting in Nepali (and possibly other local languages) and English. Only 90.2 MHz FM is announced on air and cited on the website - no mention of their locally-sited 576 kHz mediumwave frequency, which presumably only relays Radio Nepal's national service (David Kernick, Interval Signals Online, May 6, WOR iog via DXLD)

** NETHERLANDS [non]. The flighty KBC --- Not hearing anything on new 9925 well into the 00+ UT hour, but a JBA carrier still on 5960. How is it eastward? (Glenn, OK, 0056 UT May 6, WOR iog via DXLD)

9925, UT Sunday May 6 at 0021, NO signal from The Flighty KBC, after weeks of promotion that today mighty QSY to summer channel via GERMANY, left over from Croatian relay practice. Instead there is still a JBA carrier on 5960 which has been used so far in A-18, presumably still KBC. Ditto both at 0137 recheck. I asked, how is it further east? Jay Novello, Wake Forest NC, replied at 0125 on the WOR io group:

``Doing well as usual on 5960. No idea why they announced a frequency change, then didnít`` (Glenn Hauser, OK, WORLD OF RADIO 1929, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** NEWFOUNDLAND. NEWFOUNDLAND STATIONS SOLD ñ INCLUDING VOCM & CFCB

Montreal-based Stingray to buy Newcap's radio stations, including VOCM, for $508M Rob Steele, CEO and president of Newcap Radio, says VOCM's news and talk focus is what listeners want, and it will stick around after the company's acquisition. (Newfoundland Capital Corporation)

Listeners can expect to continue enjoying the radio stations they're familiar with, despite new ownership taking over at Newfoundland Capital Corporation, the company's president and CEO said.

The acquisition of Newfoundland Capital, which owns Newcap Radio, by Stingray Digital Group, isn't expected to lead to format changes at the stations involved, including VOCM, K-Rock and CFCB in Corner Brook.

"The attraction for them is assuming it as-is, with the current management team, employee structure, everything else," Newcap president Rob Steele told CBC's On The Go Friday.

"From a listener standpoint, there won't be any difference at all." The deal, which will make Stringray the largest public independent media company in Canada, now has to go through the regulatory process

of getting CRTC approval, Steele said, and should take six to nine months to close (CBC news via May-June Mediumwave News via DXLD)

** NEW ZEALAND. 5980, RNZI at 1258. Kiwi [sic] tuning signal. Pips and news and correspondent reports on the hour (was not Johnny Blades). They had just left 7425 where they were just over the static, but when I followed them here, I had to switch the SW-2000629 from "DX" to "Local" because of overload concerns. Excellent - May 4 (Rick Barton, Logs from Central Arizona, Grundig Satellit 205/5000 & 750; RS SW-2000629, Zenith R-7000 TO, ATS-909x with Slinky and other outdoor wires. 73 and Good Listening....! -rb, WOR iog via DX LISTENNG DIGEST)

Frequency changes of R New Zealand Pacific from May 6:
2051-2358 NF 13840 RAN 050 kW / 035 deg All Pacific English, ex 13730
2359-0458 NF 13840 RAN 050 kW / 035 deg All Pacific English, ex 15720
https://www.blogger.com/blogger.g?blogID=7692811410620821336#allposts
(Ivo Ivanov, SWLDXBulgaria News, May 7-8, WOR iog via WORLD OF RADIO 1929, DXLD)

** NICARAGUA. RADIO DARÕO ES INCENDIADA EN JORNADA DE PROTESTAS EN NICARAGUA --- 21/04/2018

Diversos edificios p˙blicos y privados fueron quemados en LeÛn la noche del viernes en medio de las protestas por las reformas al Instituto Nicarag¸ense de Seguridad Social (INSS).

Resultado de imagen para radio dario, nicaragua [capciÛn]

A las 09:40 de la noche un grupo de turbas sandinistas quemÛ Radio DarÌo, un medio de comunicaciÛn que brindaba cobertura a las manifestaciones.

ìEstamos sumamente impactados con lo sucedido. Pero continuaremos la lucha de 59 aÒos de Radio DarÌoî, declarÛ AnÌbal ToruÒo, director de la popular radio de la ciudad universitaria.

ToruÒo contÛ que una bomba fue lanzada por las turbas en la recepciÛn de la radio, extendiÈndose el fuego hasta la oficina de direcciÛn.

Vecinos y trabajadores intentaron apagar las llamas, porque los bomberos no llegaban, pero se extendieron hasta la cabina de la emisora.

ìHabÌa varios incendios en LeÛn y no pudieron venir cuando llamamos a reportar el incendioî, asegurÛ. Esta es la sexta vez que la emisora es quemada por turbas.

En su p·gina de Facebook este s·bado realizaron una transmisiÛn en la

que evidenciaron que sufrieron daÒos totales en el techo, los aparatos electrÛnicos, la consola, televisores, micrÛfonos y computadoras (source? via GRA blog via DXLD) WTFK? 1150 & 89.3 (WRTH 2018 via gh)

** NIGERIA. 7255-, May 4 at 0625 check, VON is AWOL again; however, there is an unmodulated carrier pulsing on and off for a while, maybe this, or who knows, a ham experimenting. Stops before I can measure if it`s the typical VON minus offset (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** NIGERIA [non]. SECRETLAND, Radio Nigeria Hausa Service via SPL Secretbrod, May 3
1800-1900 15110 SCB 100 kW / 195 deg to WeAf Hausa, weak/fair signal
http://swldxbulgaria.blogspot.bg/2018/05/reception-of-radio-nigeria-hausa.html
(Ivo Ivanov, SWLDXBulgaria News, May 3-4, WOR iog via DXLD)

** NIGERIA [non]. 12050, May 2 at 1833, S9 of dead air; then I hear some JB modulation --- maybe WEWN is coˆperating allowing us to hear co-channel Radio (Ndarason?) International, via Ascension? There`s singing, but then JBA something in Spanish so now it`s Radio CatÛlica Sub-Modulada (the 1800 broadcast of the other Radio Dandal Kura, via France is now on 11830, yet to be heard here) (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

CLANDESTINA --- 12050. Maio 2, 2018. 2040-2050, Radio Ndarason International, Ascens„o-G [sic], em Kanuri. Locutora fala; 2043 Uma canÁ„o; 2048 ID e mais m˙sica. RNI com Ûtima sintonia em Cabedelo-PB, 55554 (JosÈ Ronaldo Xavier, Cabedelo-PB, Brasil, Tecsun S-2000, WOR iog via DXLD)

12050, May 4 at 2009, WEWN has a SAH of about 152/minute = 2.53+ Hz (on SW the SAHs are rarely steady like on MW, due to propagational factors; and HF transmitters tend to be less stable than MF), implying another signal under it. And in fact I can hear African language talk and music, certainly separate from Radio CatÛlica Mundial programing.

So it`s Radio (Ndarason) International, via ASCENSION at 18-21. I suppose there is not too much overlap in intended targets of Latin America and Nigeria? (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Radio Dandal Kura Int & Radio (Ndarason) International on May 8:
0600-0700 11910 ISS 100 kW / 167 deg CAf Kanuri Radio Dandal Kura Int.
0700-0800 13810 WOF 250 kW / 165 deg WAf French/Kanuri R.International
http://swldxbulgaria.blogspot.bg/2018/05/radio-dandal-kura-int.html
(Ivo Ivanov, SWLDXBulgaria News, May 7-8, WOR iog via DXLD)

** NORTH AMERICA. YHWH is on right now, the usual guy ("Josiah") at 0045 on 7470. Was very weak, but signal level started amping up as I

write this. S-9 here in Arizona. 0047 playing creepy Days of Hardlife music. 73 (-rick barton, Arizona, 0048 UT May 2, WOR iog via WORLD OF RADIO 1929, DXLD)

7470, May 2 at 0226, Station YHWH is back! Recognizable voice but unreadable due to heavy S9+10 storm noise from Kansas. Still audible past 0257 but off by 0356. Tnx to Rick Barton, AZ, for an earlier May 2 tip to the WOR iog.

7470 was his last favorite frequency, not heard for a semiyear since Rick`s last(?) report Oct 14, 2017 at 0200-0300+ on 7470 (altho I did have unIDs on 7470 around the same hours Nov 19 and 23). In his lengthy but sporadic pirate career, many other frequencies were used, especially in the 7 MHz band, but also on some seldom-caught higher daytime bands such as 15 MHz (Glenn Hauser, OK, WORLD OF RADIO 1929, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

7470-AM, YHWH (religious pirate). Thanks very much to Rick Barton for the original alert that this station was back on the air again. May 5, with my local sunset at 0258 UT; from 0227 to 0327 with the usual old recording of the reading of an article; 0327-0330 song "Days of Hard Life"; 0330 live segment with YHWH ID, said his full name ("Josiah," but not sure how to spell his last name?); thanked the folks at WBCQ, who he heard earlier tonight on "7.49 MHz" and they acknowledged his YHWH was on the air again; said he was "8,000 feet up in the Sierras"; then into the next hour with the old recording of the reading of another article; very readable. My edited audio (not in chronological order) starting with ID, then into anti-Catholic ranting and audio ending with "Days of Hard Life" -
http://goo.gl/usWXx6
(Ron Howard, Asilomar State Beach, CA, EtÛn E1, antenna: 100' long wire, WOR iog via WORLD OF RADIO 1929, DXLD)

7470, UNITED STATES [sic], (Pirate) YHWH ("Yahweh"), at 0040. Josiah with typical religious lecture. Very weak, but suddenly went up to solid S-9. Creepy "Days of Hard Life" song at 0047. Went quiet at 0052, then came back on, weaker and breaking up a lot. Went on thru the hour (0100Z) blasting United States and "most violent" Christian religion. Did his usual lecture on the Ten Commandments of Yahweh and went on through the hour past 0200Z. (At some point it was clear that the program had recycled). After 0200 I was listening on a patio table with nothing more than the Longines Symphonette World traveler portable with telescoping whip. At 0318, playing days of hard life creepy music closing announcements, a couple of Shaloms, and transmitter abruptly shut down (at 0321). S-9 with a few long deep fades. May 2

7470, YHWH at 0230 with "Josiah" and Yahweh lecture. I'm pretty sure

this is a repeat of last night, not live. Solid S-9 and steady on SW-2000629 and 30' wire, picnic table to grapefruit tree. May 3

7470, USA [sic] (Pirate), YHWH at 0220 with "Josiah" and yet another Yahweh lecture. These broadcasts do sound like a recording that is played x2 each night. Solid S-9 and steady on SW-2000629 and 30' outdoor extended Slinky. May 4 (Rick Barton, Logs from Central Arizona, Grundig Satellit 205/5000 & 750; RS SW-2000629, Zenith R-7000 TO, ATS-909x with Slinky and other outdoor wires. 73 and Good Listening....! -rb, WOR iog via DX LISTENNG DIGEST)

15085-AM, Saturday May 5 at 2218, here`s Josiah the Station YHWH guy again, S8-S9 encountered on bandscan, as I predicted upon reactivation of 7470; he used this frequency at least thrice before as last year in DXLD 17-42:

``PIRATE, 15085, 2119-, YHWH, Oct 7. OK, a daytime frequency found on a bandscan. Not as strong as during the evening, but still at fair level (S4 to S5) in the clear with the usual shtick. Checked the next day (8 October) and he was there at 2235 UT at weak levels. He signed off right at the time of my check, so it looks like a regular frequency (Walt Salmaniw, Masset, Haida Gwaii, BC, dxldyg via WORLD OF RADIO 1900, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

I discovered YHWH on 15085, July 27 at 2018, and until now have seen no other reports of it (Glenn Hauser, WORLD OF RADIO 1900, DX LISTENING DIGEST)`` (Glenn Hauser, OK, WORLD OF RADIO 1929, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

7470 USA [sic], (Pirate) YHWH at 0230, on the half hour, the segment "10 Commandments of Yahweh" by man in the past known as "Josiah". Still going on at 0330 recheck. I've missed a couple of sign-offs but they seem to go off between about 0400-0415. VG May 5

7780, USA, WRMI at 0215. Late getting to the dials this evening, noting Glenn Hauser WOR in progress. Ran up the dial from 7470 where, tonight, YHWH is a "NON" log. May 6 Barton-AZ

7470, USA (Pirate) YHWH at 0330. Not present last night here, and I didn't hear anything this afternoon checking 15085 (noted by Glenn Hauser). I took into account that I was mobile and in a bad reception area. Nothing here at 0200-0230 on 7470. Rechecking at 0330, had "Josiah" and lecture way out in the mud, but rx improved to Fair over time. At 0400, creepy "Days of Hard Life" song was played, and a bit more Josiah. Long monologue to Days of Hard Life again at 0500, not there on recheck at 0530. (Off ? Or a deep fade?). Not sure, I shut down myself after that. F/G May 7 (Rick Barton, Logs from Central Arizona, Grundig Satellit 205/5000 & 750; RS SW-2000629, ATS-909x.

with Slinky and other outdoor wires. 73 and Good Listening....! WORLD OF RADIO 1929, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Heard weakly at 0319 tune-in into Victoria, BC 7470. Usual programming. 73, (Walt Salmaniw, BC, UT May 7, WOR iog via DXLD)

Hi Walt, May 7 - A very strong signal out here on the coast tonight from YHWH (7470); listening 0259+, till last check at 0352. 100% readable, with excellent reception.

Otherwise overall very poor conditions this evening; Africa very weak signals (5915, 6015, etc.). R. Santa Cruz (Bolivia), on 6134.82, better than usual at 0206*, after the usual closing "Santa Cruz" song. Nothing else of interest! (Ron, California, WOR iog via DXLD)

7470, May 7 at 0510, Josiah of anti-Christ pirate Station YHWH on air later than usual. Propagation disturbance so only other signals on band are WRNO 7505, and MartÌ jamming 7335 & 7365 (Glenn Hauser, OK, WORLD OF RADIO 1929, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Hi, Ron! Nice to be home after 42 days at sea. YHWH remained on the air when I checked at 0530. Not strong up here tonight, though. 73, (Walt Salmaniw, Victoria BC, ibid.)

** NORTH AMERICA. 6955-USB, May 4 at 0103, pirate with hard rock screaming, good S9 vs storm crashes peaking at S9+10, 0106 ``Won Ton Hong Kong`` song; 0110 ``telling a story`` with music; 0116.5 clearly enunciated ID as ``X-L-R-8``, not ``accelerate``. Still going past 0136, 0145 wild music; 0153+ disconnecting the reeled-out, I find it sufficient on PL-880 telescopic alone. Many more logs here: https://www.hfunderground.com/board/index.php/topic,42257.0.html covering 2159-0252 UT, almost 5 hours! Should have been plenty of time for FCC to DF and bust him, should they care (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** NORTH AMERICA. 6905-AM, May 8 at 0104, ``Ghost Riders in the Sky`` song briefly, soon outlook.com address uncopiable, past 0126, poor with music, S9 vs storm QRN about the same level. These logs say it was Cool AM Radio, but some other IDs reported later on 6905: https://www.hfunderground.com/board/index.php/topic,42358.0.html (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** NORTH AMERICA. == HF ==

Unid. Saturday, April 28, 2018, 1747, 6934.85 usb. Coltrane-ish free form jazz music with sax and piano. Fair to good signal.Cut in mid-song and off at 1752. (Will-MD)

Peace Radio. Saturday, April 28, 2018, 2304, 6930 usb. Peace Radio with bluesy folk music. Very good signal, s7. (Will-MD)

XLR8. Thursday, May 3, 2018, 2222, 6955 usb. Odd beat/burbly sounds in music, spacey guitar music, sports talk prank calls and bloopers at 2227, more music at 2230, rock/punk, ID "X-L-R-8" at 2237. Still on at 2311 with another ID and into "The Bomber" by The James Gang. Very good signal, 35 dBu on the PL-880 and s5 on the R-75. (Will-MD)

== FM ==

Unid. Thursday, 1915, 90.3. Oldies jukebox pirate radio station in south central Frederick, Maryland noted with good signal peaking at the intersection of I-70 and I-270/US-15. Station faded in about 3 miles south of this spot and faded out quickly about a mile or two north. Various 1960s/1970s pop/rock songs with full quieting between songs. This one's been active for over a year now (Larry Will, Mount Airy, Maryland, Icom IC-R75, Tecsun PL-880, various wires, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** OKLAHOMA. 530, May 3 at 2030 UT check, K530AM, Vance AFB, has resumed modulating irrelevant PSAs after days and days of dead air; maybe yesterday or ante-yesterday when I didn`t check (Glenn Hauser, Enid, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** OKLAHOMA. 1230, May 3 at 1200 UT, WBBZ is sufficiently into the dayside to dominate any remaining skywave, ID as ``Hometown Radio, WBBZ, Ponca City``, CBS bong and news. I`m astounded to learn that WBBZ`s talkhosts are all residents of Ponca City: Dan Patrick, Rush Limbaugh, Sean Hannity, Dave Ramsey, Fox Sports, Coast to Coast, Kim Komando [come on, what`s her real name?], etc., etc. O, there is one local hour, M-F 12-13 UT, Good Morning[,] Ponca City! And per the sked http://www.poncapost.com/wbbz-schedule
WBBZ has no programming on Sundays, which I rather doubt (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** OKLAHOMA. This state continues to be very under-represented in TA MW DX logs. The May-June issue of the UK-based MW News, with hundreds of logs of N and S American stations, even graveyarders, has only a few catches of KOKC 1520, one from South Africa. No others, not even X-bander 1640 KZLS; tho Mississippi`s WTNI 1640 is widely heard (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** OKLAHOMA. RF channels 3, 19 and 61, May 4 at 1640 UT, I`ve brought up an old TV set into analog tuning, my antenna passing thru a Zenith DTV STB turned off, since there are signs on the 6m map of a sporadic E opening --- a bit earlier, Louisiana DXer was getting some Central American lowband NTSC TV channels where they still exist unlike

Mexico, but it`ll be a near-miracle if any ever make it here 500 miles further. And I see weak signs of 3/4 color bars on channel 3!

But it`s too steady, and confirmed as radiation from Suddenlink cable, which disposed of its analog TV channels years ago; but deliberately tuning all VHF and UHF on-air (not cable) channels 2 thru 69, I find the same silent video also on 19 and 61! Why? Well, handy for their test purposes, I suppose. Color bars of any sort are never seen elsewise any more, except in a network switching glitch (Glenn Hauser, Enid, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** OKLAHOMA. 92.1 FM, May 4 at 1710 UT, and May 5 at 1707 UT, recheck, KAMG-LP Enid is off the air, as happens periodically for long spans, instead of satellator gospel-huxtering and alabanzing in distorted Spanish. Fine with me: opens up a good frequency for Es DX, Woodward and Tulsa permitting (but nothing heard despite 95 MHz MUF east of here). Has license expired? I waste time hunting for expiration date in their FCC data, unfound, but reminding that onetime DXer John Broomall in Georgia is involved in it (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** OKLAHOMA. 94.3 FM, May 5 at 1708 UT, hard-sell *commercial* by Jump4Joy Entertainment LLC in Enid as ``sponsorship for KLGB-LP``. They rent/provide inflatable stuff, probably including the gross monster truck seen on the north court house lawn by the Tri-State parade last evening (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** OMAN. Radio Sultanate of Oman in English, instead of Arabic on 15140 At 1400 - no signal, but from 1600, 1700, 1800 and 1900 very good signal in English, instead of Arabic -- 73! (Ivo Ivanov, May 4, WOR iog via WORLD OF RADIO 1929, DXLD)

Don, What antenna are you using on 10db ATT now? R. Sultanate of Oman on 15140 is very nice on that antenna at 2100 with English pop music program (Bruce Churchill, CA, WOR iog via DXLD)

Bruce - On the Perseus with the switchable antenna inputs using the ATT switch, the choices are as follows:
 0 db = 80m wire Wellbrook loop with apex at 120 feet
10 db = 40m wire Wellbrook loop (at right angles to the first one , apex around 50 feet and some distance away)
20 db = 1000' west beverage
30 db = 4-30 log pointed wherever - currently west.
73, (Don Moman, ibid.)

Don, Thanks! Oman signed off at 2158:20 and had started to fade after about 2140 or so but was a good S4 prior to that. Screenshot attached. Iíd call that a pretty decent signal! 11,404 Km on GC route (Bruce W.

Churchill, 2491 Palo Vista Rd, Fallbrook, CA 92028-9690, Shortwave Listener since 1952, ibid.)

Radio Sultanate of Oman on 15140 kHz after 2200 on May 5
2000 & 2210 on 15140 THU 100 kW / 315 deg to WeEu Arabic, very good
http://swldxbulgaria.blogspot.bg/2018/05/radio-sultanate-of-oman-in-arabic-on.html
(Ivo Ivanov, SWLDXBulgaria News, May 5-6, WOR iog via WORLD OF RADIO 1929, DXLD)

** PANAMA [non]. 7490.04v, UT Thu May 3 at 0009, WBCQ with its only(?) Spanish program, `Antena DX`, lots of self-promotion like Frecuencia al DÌa, ID and address at La Chispa EstÈreo, and schedule claiming to be: Mon 1200 UT on 5950; Thu 0030 on 7490! Thu 0130 on 9955; Thu 1200 on 5950. WBCQ sked shows Thu 0030 on 5130! But Thu 0000-0030 is unaccounted for on 7490 altho not labeled Available Time Slot. Moving it to 7490 is certainly an upgrade.

The WRMI info is also ALL wrong: Not Thu at 0130 but UT Fri 0030 on 9955; NO broadcasts on 5950 at 1200-1230 any day except Fridays with Yeshua P&P. And I don`t see any other times for the program on any System or frequency. Apparently the producer doesn`t try monitoring his own show or checking WRMI site like I just did, to confirm his out-of-date schedule (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** PAPUA NEW GUINEA. 3260, NBC Madang (Maus Blong Garamut), 1112-1206*, May 6. Another Sunday of religious programs; mostly religious songs ("He Will Make Our Way," etc.); announcers in Pidgin; suddenly cut off; above average reception; NBC Bougainville (3325) silent this Sunday (Ron Howard, Asilomar State Beach, CA, EtÛn E1, antenna: 100' long wire, DX LISTENING DIGEST) See also BOUGAINVILLE

** PERU. More information about OAU6O, Radio El Sol in Arequipa on 1610 from Henrik Klemetz in the Finnish DX Associations SDXL magazine ìRadiomaailmaî (RadioWorld) for January 2018:

The station has this unusual schedule. 0800-0100 UT. The Studios are at: Avenida Independencia 600, Centro Comercial HÈroes AnÛnimos, piso 3ro, Apto. 301-A, which is in the city center. The transmitter is in the Characato district, ì45 minutesí driveî southeast of the capital. The station sells airtime to operators who have to finance their operation by selling ads. The manager is Jacinto Becerra. QSL requests should go to respective programme operators. The station has been on air for 3 years, but now the power has been increased to 3.5 kW two months ago. Frequency measurements by Scandinavian DXers:

1610.039, by Arne Nilsson, 1610.040 by SIM, 1610.039 by Fredrik DourÈn (Via Arctic Radio Club Jan 18, via IRCA DX Monitor May 5, published May 1, via DXLD)

Radio El Sol, Arequipa noted this morning at 0800 here close to Rio de Janeiro, Frequency shifting 1610.060 - 1610.280. Heard for the first time last week when more stable at 1610.33 (Rocco Cotroneo, Brazil via MW Offsets Yahoo Group via IRCA DX Monitor May 5, published May 1, via DXLD)

** PERU. 4747, R.HUANTA 2000. Mayo 1. 1100-1115 UT. Programa de homeopatÌa en idioma quechua. SINPO: 55444 (Claudio Galaz, RX: Tecsun PL-660; Ant: Hilo de 40 metros de largo; QTH: Barraza Bajo, IV RegiÛn, Chile, condiglista yg via DXLD)

** PERU. 5025.03, R. Quillabamba. Noticed Rebeldeís audio was way down at 1001. Just OC from Quillabamba to at least 1005 when I tuned away. Came back at 1021 and found Quillabamba audio up with apparent broadcast from childrenís classroom with singing, a lot of talking, and ending with all children individually saying hello to ìmamaî & ìpapaî. No adult announcers at all. 1029 program end and many nice canned promo IDs, one lifting the laser shooting SFX from the beginning of ìJungle Loveî by The Steve Miller Band. Intro for next program at 1031, but Rebeldeís audio coming up stronger by then. Glad to see Quillabamba still there. 16 April (Dave Valko, Dunlo PA, RX: Perseus SDR with Wellbrook ALA 1530S and 153 foot Delta loop, April DX Fanzine via DXLD)

5025, R. QUILLABAMBA. Abril 30. 0110-0121 UT. Rezo y cantos de misa hasta las 0116, luego m˙sica rom·ntica. SINPO: 54544 con leve QRM de R. Rebelde en la misma frecuencia (Claudio Galaz, RX: Tecsun PL-660; Ant: Hilo de 40 metros de largo; QTH: Barraza Bajo, IV RegiÛn, Chile, condiglista yg via DXLD)

** PHILIPPINES. GENERAL DOUGLAS MACARTHURíS FAVORITE SHORTWAVE CALLSIGN

It was back on August 5, 1944, during World War 2 in the Pacific, that Corporal William Becker at an American weather station at Northern Samar in the Philippines, sent a radio message in Morse Code to General Douglas MacArthur at his headquarters in Hollandia, Dutch New Guinea. As part of his radio message, he asked: Where is your radio station KAZ located? Corporal Becker inserted into his question, a touch of mild profanity, which we have removed.

Quite unexpectedly as far as Colonel Becker was concerned, he did receive a reply from General McArthur about other matters that were in the colonelís radio message. However, MacArthur did not respond to the inquiry about radio station KAZ, and he did not reveal to the colonel the actual location of radio station KAZ.

So then our question would be: Where was MacArthurís radio station KAZ located? In response, we could ask another question: Which presidential aircraft is Air Force One? The answer to that question is quite simple: In whatever airplane the president of the United States happens to be a passenger, that is Air Force One.

Likewise, whatever radio station General MacArthur chose for the transmission of an official wartime message, that station was at that time station KAZ. However, that answer is not totally accurate either. This is the story of radio station KAZ; before, during, and after World War 2 in the middle of last century.

It was back in the year 1924 that RCA, the Radio Corporation of America, established a regional office in the Philippine capital, Manila. Two years later (1926), work commenced on the construction of their first shortwave radio station in the Philippines at a location nine miles south from Manila.

According to a contemporary article in Time magazine, this large new radio station was established by RCP, the Radio Corporation of the Philippines, which was a Philippine subsidiary of American RCA, the Radio Corporation of America.

The article in Time magazine goes on to state that this new radio station in the Philippines was one of the largest stations in the Far East, and it was constructed specifically for communication with San Francisco in California. At that stage, the RCA communication station at San Francisco was in reality their large station located near Bolinas, a little north of San Francisco.

During the following year, 1927, four radio transmitters were activated at RCA Manila, two on mediumwave and two on shortwave. The twin mediumwave transmitters, rated at 1 kW each, were inaugurated on February 12, 1927 under the callsign KZRM with a programming service from the city studios. The first two letters in the callsign KZ indicated the Philippines back in that era; and the two final letters RM, indicated Radio Manila. Quite simultaneously, a preliminary RCA communication circuit to Bolinas California was also inaugurated.

Three years later again (1930), it was during the month of May actually, test broadcasts from RCA Manila were noted on shortwave in the United States and in Australia under the experimental callsign K1XR. Programming was a relay from the mediumwave station KZRM, and these test broadcasts continued spasmodically for a period of some six months. After that, the new shortwave communication service was officially dedicated, on November 26 (1930) under the callsigns KAZ and KBK.

Exactly one month later (1930), a special Christmas broadcast was relayed from KZRM back to the United States on two shortwave channels; KAZ on 9900 kHz and KBK on 18750 kHz. Over the following months, many other notable program broadcasts from KZRM Manila were relayed by RCA shortwave and they were heard in the United States and in the South Pacific.

In the early 1930s, additional shortwave transmitters were installed at RCA Manila, with apparently at least one at 40 kW and another at 20 kW. At the same time the KAZ channel was adjusted from 9900 kHz to 9990 kHz

Over the next decade or so, RCA shortwave communication transmitter KAZ on 9990 kHz was often logged in the United States, New Zealand and Australia. However, with the Japanese military advances in the Philippines beginning on December 8, 1941, and the impending threat to the city of Manila itself, American personnel began the destruction of major facilities in the capital city area.

On the very last day of the year, December 31, 1941, the RCA mediumwave and shortwave station just nine miles south of Manila was deliberately destroyed. The 40 kW KAZ was dead, gone forever.

Nearly three months later: It was at 7:45 pm during the evening of March 12 of the following year (1942) that General Douglas MacArthur left Corregidor Island in Manila Bay, bound for Australia at the orders of the President of the United States, President Harry Truman. It was indeed an adventurous, though harrowing journey by small boat, plane and train that took them from Manila in the Philippines to Melbourne Australia where they arrived nearly ten days later.

A total of 23 people traveled in four PT boats from Corregidor island in Manila Bay, running the blockade of Japanese navy vessels along the western coasts of the Philippine Islands. Initially this squadron of four navy boats traveled in a diamond pattern, though they all soon got separated in the darkness and the stormy night. It was such a threatening storm, the weary travelers described the journey like traveling in a cement mixer; almost all of the people were seasick.

They arrived at the pineapple plantation owned by the Del Monte Corporation on northern Mindanao Island two days later, only to find that a plane load of refugees had already been evacuated to Australia on the plane that was actually schedule to carry MacArthur to Australia.. The Australian government had sent a flight of four Boeing Flying Fortress B17 bombers from Darwin on the north coast of Australia to pickup the VIP contingent on Mindanao, though only one plane arrived, due to technical problems with the other three, one of

which crash landed out of fuel in the ocean near the island.

Two days later Darwin on March 16 (1942), another flight of three Boeing Flying Fortress B17 bombers flew out from, though one turned back. The two remaining planes landed on the dirt airstrip on Mindanao Island by the light of burning flares.

Next day in the early morning darkness, the two bombers took off from the Del Monte plantation for the nine hour flight back to Darwin. General Douglas MacArthur himself sat in the Radio Operators seat in his plane; the plane was under radio silence and no radio operator was therefore needed.

However, as the planes approached Darwin, word was received that Japanese planes were bombing the city, and so the planes were diverted to the Batchelor Airfield, forty miles to the south. However, no sooner had the American planes landed at Batchelor, then word was received that additional Japanese planes were on their way to bomb Batchelor. Hurriedly the MacArthur party, now aboard two ANA Australian National Airways passenger planes, the reliable Douglas DC3, took off for Alice Springs in the center of the Australian continent.

Interestingly the daily newspaper, the Adelaide Advertiser, stated in a front page news item on Wednesday March 18 (1942), that the Japanese made their 19th bombing raid of Darwin ìyesterdayî. On that occasion, the newspaper reported, the Japanese planes bombed Darwin and Katherine, though not Batchelor. MacArthur and his party were part of the melodrama on that dramatic occasion.

In Alice Springs, MacArthur and some of the staff boarded a special narrow gauge train that took them to Terowie, in country South Australia. Thence to Adelaide for another train, the Melbourne Express, which conveyed them to the Spencer Street Station in Melbourne, where they arrived on Saturday March 21 (1942). The MacArthur family were then ensconced in the ornate Menzies Hotel at 140 Williams Street where they took over the entire third floor in the new hotel wing.

And so thatís where we leave the story of General Douglas MacArthurís favorite shortwave callsign KAZ for today. Thus far we have observed that the American callsign KAZ was applied to several different transmitters (1 kW, 20 kW & 40 kW) usually on 9990 kHz at the RCA shortwave station located nine miles south of Manila in the Philippines from 1930 to 1941. When we continue this topic in a few weekís time, we will observe the usage of the American callsign KAZ as it was applied to American shortwave stations in Australia (Adrian M Peterson, IN, script for AWR Wavescan April 29 via DXLD)

** PUERTO RICO.
630 WUNO San Juan ñ Slogan & Group to Grp = Noti Uno Seis Treinta
760 WORA Mayag¸ez ñ Slogan & Group to Grp = Noti Uno Seis Treinta
810 WKVM San Juan ñ Slogan to ìRadio Paz 810î
850 WABA Aguadilla ñ Slogan to ìLa Grandeî
870 WQBS San Juan ñ Silent Sept. 28, 2017; had been on the air briefly with STA after Hurricane Maria but is still without power.
940 WIPR San Juan ñ Granted STA extension, U1 2500/2500 from WKAQ-580 tower.
1330 WENA Yauco ñ Applies to extend STA, U1 500/350, temporary longwire.
1350 WEGA Vega Baja ñ Silent Nov. 20, 2017, on the air Feb. 28 with STA (as applied for).
1460 WRRE Juncos ñ Silent Sept. 27 (2017), back on the air Mar. 22. (NRC DX News 85/13 and 85/14 via May/June MW News via DXLD)

** ROMANIA. 9535/DRM, R Romania Int'l English programmes "Week in Review" with items re alternatives to prison being explored in Romania into "World of Culture". About 50% decoding, but in such fits & starts that it wasn't really listenable. The data rate appears to be the variable the stations could control here. This was at 19 kbps & it needed better than 18 db s/n while Kuwait earlier was using 17 kbps & decoded better at 15 db s/n. 2035-2056* 28/Apr (Ken Zichi, Port Hope MI2, MARE Tipsheet May 4 via DXLD)

** ROMANIA. 9730, R. Romania International, 0001-0030 on May 2, all in English; Society Today discusses Best Civic Initiatives of 2017; whereas the Resource Center for Public Participation awards the most preserving and creative social activists. 42232

(+) 5/3, 0015-0030; Travelers Guide highlights the summer season on the Romanian Black Sea coast; its open beaches have a thick sand layer smoothly going down into the sea. 43232.

Again, 0010-0017 on May 5; this starts out very well; good signal, minor fading and a familiar voice, but it doesn't last long as it drops off rapidly. Over on // 7375, stronger QRM is present. A quick check on 7370 shows what I think is a Spanish pirate, maybe this coincides with the Cinco de Mayo (Ron Sives, Pennsylvania. ETON Field Radio and the Princeton Sky Wire, NASWA Flashsheet via DXLD)

** RUSSIA. May 7 - Radio Day in Russia. ---- Congratulations to the readers of the bulletin on Radio Day in Russia! I wish everyone good health and new successes in their hobbies! Festive greeting card for all -
http://rusdx.blogspot.ru/2018/05/blog-post.html

Day of radio will be celebrated in Khanty-Mansiysk
http://onair.ru/main/enews/view_msg/NMID__69081/

May 7 in Tomsk will celebrate the Day of Radio! On this occasion, Tomsk citizens will have an extensive entertainment program.
http://onair.ru/main/enews/view_msg/NMID__69070/

In Ufa on the faÁade of the building, which is located on Rigard Sorge street, 9/3 there will be a portrait of Yury Levitan, the announcer of the All-Union Radio of the State Committee of the USSR on Television and Radio Broadcasting, reports the media group Virtuoso.
http://onair.ru/main/enews/view_msg/NMID__69073/
(Rus-DX 6 May via DXLD)

** RUSSIA [non-log]. 7295 & 7345, Radio Sakha, via Yakutsk, through May 6, remains silent during my local evening & morning monitoring (Ron Howard, Asilomar State Beach, CA, EtÛn E1, antenna: 100' long wire, WOR iog via WORLD OF RADIO 1929, DXLD)

** RWANDA [and non]. R. Itahuka via MBR Talata, May 5:
1800-1900 on 15420 MDC 250 kW / 320 deg to SoAf Kirundi Sat plus digital jamming
http://swldxbulgaria.blogspot.bg/2018/05/radio-xoriyo-ogaden-radio-itahuka-via.html
(Ivo Ivanov, SWLDXBulgaria News, May 5-6, WOR iog via DXLD)

Even WRTH claims this is in the Burundi language Kirundi instead of the Rwandan language Kinyarwanda; no one else questions this (gh, DXLD)

** SAUDI ARABIA [and non]. Radio Riyadh Holy Quran & Radio Saudi Int on 13780/13785 kHz, May 3
BSKSA Radio Riyadh Holy Quran
till 1130 on 13780 RIY 500 kW / 310 deg to N/ME Arabic, instead of registered 11935
BSKSA Radio Saudi International
from 1200 on 13785*RIY 500 kW / 070 deg to SoAs Urdu, instead of registered 13775
* co-ch same 13785 SIR 500 kW / 216 deg to N/ME Arabic VIRI IRIB PARS TODAY+siren
http://swldxbulgaria.blogspot.bg/2018/05/radio-riyadh-holy-quran-radio-saudi-int.html
(Ivo Ivanov, SWLDXBulgaria News, May 2-3, WOR iog via DXLD)

** SAUDI ARABIA vs. IRAN. Radio Riyadh Holy Quran vs. VIRI IRIB on 13610/13780 kHz, May 4 [all in Arabic, 500 kW]
till 0855 on 13610*RIY / 295 deg NEAf instead of 17730 BSKSA Gen.Sce

till 0855 on 13780#RIY / 310 deg WeEu instead of 17740 BSKSA Gen.Sce
// frequency 15380 RIY / 310 deg N/ME Holy Quran BSKSA Radio Riyadh,
* co-ch same 13610 ZAH / 289 deg EaAf VIRI IRIB plus siren Radio War
# co-ch same 13780 SIR / 198 deg N/ME VIRI IRIB plus siren Radio War
http://swldxbulgaria.blogspot.bg/2018/05/radio-war-radio-riyadh-vsviri-irib-on.html
(Ivo Ivanov, SWLDXBulgaria News, May 3-4, WOR iog via DXLD)

IRAN/SAUDI ARABIA, Police car siren jamming by Saudis. On 7 May at 1420 UT on 13610 & 13785 kHz down under program of IRIB Iran in Arabic with poor signal there is a jamming type "police siren" - same type which is using by Vietnam security forces (police in different of f.e. ship siren etc.)

KiwiSDR Qatar, AMN mode, 22 mb selection.
<http://midskiwi.ddns.net:8073/>
(Rumen Pankov-BUL, via wwdxc BC-DX TopNews May 7, BC-DX 8 May via DXLD)

** SAUDI ARABIA [and non]. 15434.987, BSKSA Riyadh, 1st program Arabic service, S=6 at 1510 UT on May 1st. Some ute signal QRM on nearby 15434.660 center frequency.

15225.018 kHz 1st program Arabic service, \\ 13710.014 kHz both S=9+10dB, 1517 UT [selected SDR options, span 12.5 kHz RBW 15.3 Hertz]
(Wolfgang B¸schel, df5sx, wwdxc BC-DX TopNews May 1, BC-DX 8 May via DXLD)

11820.043, May 5 at 2225, BSKSA Qur`aning is stronger than usual at S9+10/20 but fluttery, and always off-frequency+plus (Fortunately there is no longer any WRMIBS to bother from 11825.0). Good soporific nap music. Also // much weaker 11915, not measured (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** SINGAPORE. 9410, BBC, 1033-1101, May 2. As I daily check here for Fu Hsing BS (Taiwan), was surprised today to find BBC for the first time (ex: 9900), in English, with a good signal; interesting story about former Soviet Union causing the drying up of the Aral Sea, located by Kazakhstan and Uzbekistan. So 1000-1200 impossible to tell if Taiwan is here or not. 9774 (Fu Hsing BS) was silent today (Ron Howard, Asilomar State Beach, CA, EtÛn E1, antenna: 100' long wire, WOR iog via WORLD OF RADIO 1929, DXLD) See also UNIDENTIFIED; UK

** SOLOMON ISLANDS. 5020, SIBC, on May 8. Extended broadcast till cut off at 1235*; playing pop songs and with announcers, but audio level so low was unable to make out language; normally goes off about 1200 (Ron Howard, Asilomar State Beach, CA, EtÛn E1, antenna: 100' long wire, WOR iog via DXLD)

** SOMALIA [non]. Reception of Radio ERGO via BaBcoCk Al-Dhabayya, May 7
1200-1300 on 17845 DHA 250 kW / 225 deg to EaAf Somali, weak-fair:
http://swldxbulgaria.blogspot.bg/2018/05/reception-of-radio-ergo-via-babcock-al.html
(Ivo Ivanov, SWLDXBulgaria News, May 6-7, WOR iog via DXLD)

** SOUTH AFRICA. South African Radio League "Amateur Radio Today" on May 6
0800-0900 17760 MEY 250 kW / 019 deg EaAf English Sun, good signal
http://swldxbulgaria.blogspot.bg/2018/05/reception-of-south-african-radio-league.html
(Ivo Ivanov, SWLDXBulgaria News, May 5-6, WOR iog via DXLD)

** SOUTH CAROLINA [non]. 9329.99/RCUSB, WBCQ with Brother Sparechange leading his flock murmuring their approval, clapping & carrying on with "Amen"s & singing along with the Overfondler. Sounds like they might need an enema. 3+554+4 much closer to 'on channel' than usual, a different transmitter or just tweaked to be running closer? Audio just died at 1614 & didn't come back; reduced carrier continued, but I gave up. 1610-1617 28/Apr (Ken Zichi, Port Hope MI2, MARE Tipsheet May 4 via DXLD)

** SRI LANKA. 11905, May 4 at 0114, S1-S2 carrier on from SLBC; prÈlude JBA from 0114:46, 2+1 mis-timesignal ending at 0115:05, compared to CHU; such consistently precise inaccuracy from night to night! (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** SWAZILAND. ESWATINI(ex SWAZILAND), Reception of Trans World Radio Africa on May 1
1400-1415 15360 MAN 100 kW / 043 deg to SoAs Urdu Daily, good signal
1557-1627 15105 MAN 100 kW / 013 deg to SoAf Kirundi Mon-Fri, strong
Continues old TWR Africa IS: "This is Trans World Radio Swaziland"
http://swldxbulgaria.blogspot.bg/2018/05/reception-of-trans-world-radio-africa.html
(Ivo Ivanov, SWLDXBulgaria News, May 1-2, WOR iog via DXLD)

[and non]. ROMANIA and ESWATINI, Radio Romania Int and TWR Africa on 9500 kHz, May 2
1600-1656 9500 TIG 300 kW / 292 deg to WeEu French Radio Romania Int
1700-1756 9500 GAL 300 kW / 285 deg to WeEu Romanian Radio Romania Int
1800-1956 9500 TIG 300 kW / 285 deg to WeEu Romanian Radio Romania Int
1630-1800 9500 MAN 100 kW / 013 deg to EaAf Oromo/Amharic TWR Africa
1802-1847 9500 MAN 100 kW / 013 deg to EaAf English/Arabic TWR Africa
http://swldxbulgaria.blogspot.bg/2018/05/radio-romania-int-and-twr-africa-on.html
(Ivo Ivanov, SWLDXBulgaria News, May 2-3, WOR iog via DXLD)

4775.0, May 5 at 0520, JBA carrier, on frequency and time make it TWR, rather than Per˙ or Brasil, currently scheduled in English at 0500-0700 weekends, 0430-0700 weekdays. LSR is an hour earlier, 0421 UT, with 22 minutes more to gain by latest in one bimonth. At 26.5 degrees south it doesn`t get very wintry (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** TAIWAN [and non]. CHINA Log: 14500 kHz CNR1 program at 1245 UT May 6. Radioplay, ID, O=2 (Patrick Robic-AUT, A-DX ng May 6)

Hier war in den vergangenen Wochen 'Sound of Hope' ohne Jamming zu hoeren. Ein Vergleich mit dem Webstream brachte Sicherheit. (Juergen Waga-D, A-DX ng May 6)

Hier CNR1 bis 1805 UT, zum Vergleichen aus der Nagoya database.
CNR1 Live Radio SW 2025-1805 UT

11925 725 2025-2330, 0900-1805(=17580)
11710 572 2025-0030, 1000-1805(=17605)
 9860 572 2025-2300, 1200-1805(=12045)
 9845 572 2025-2400, 1200-1805(=17550)
 9830 572 2025-0100, 0730-1805
 9810 954 2025-2300, 1300-1805(=13610)
 9710 723 2025-2330, 1100-1805(=11720)
 9500 723 2025-1805
 7365 723 1200-1805   (= 7215)
 7345 572 2025-2400, 1100-1805(= 7345)
 7305 723 2025-2200, 1000-1805(=11750)
 7290 572 2025-2300, 1100-1805(=17890)
 7275 572 2025-2300, 1100-1805(=15380)
 7230 594 2025-1805
 6175 572 2025-2400, 0900-1805(=11960)
 6125 723 2025-2300, 1100-1805(=17595)
 6125 572 2025-2300, 1000-1805(= 9675)
 6080 916 2025-2400, 1100-1805(= 9630)
 6030 572 2025-1805
 6000 572 2025-2330, 1100-1805(= 9645)
 5945 572 2025-2200, 1300-1805(=15480)

am 11. April bei Uwe's SDR in Thailand ge-checkt:
14430.080 S=8 0822UT 2110-1700 SOH Xi Wang Zhi Sheng Chi 1-7
14499.885 S=9 1104UT 2200-1600 SOH Xi Wang Zhi Sheng Chi 1-7 terrible rough harsh modulation, unstable fq. 14 kHz wide signal, 0104 UT
14559.854 S=5 0813UT 2300-1500 SOH Xi Wang Zhi Sheng Chi 1-7 0105 UT [selected SDR options, span 12.5 kHz RBW 15.3 Hertz] (Wolfgang B¸schel, df5sx, wwdxc BC-DX TopNews April 11 / May 6, BC-DX 8 May via DXLD)

** TAJIKISTAN. 4765even, Yangi Yul transmitter unit back to EVEN frequency, moved back from reserve unit +61 Hertz unstable or so in March / April (Wolfgang B¸schel, circa 17 UT May 8, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** TAJIKISTAN [non-log]. 7245, checking for Voice of Tajik, in English, per Ivo's April 28 log (scheduled 1300-1400); so tuned in at 1300, on May 5, but at *1301, frequency covered by extremely strong signal of CNR2, so impossible for me to hear any English; couldn't make out anything 1300-1301 (Ron Howard, Asilomar State Beach, CA, EtÛn E1, antenna: 100' long wire, WOR iog via DXLD)

** THAILAND. 15590, R. Thailand Interval signal, ID by OM "Broadcasting from the Public Relations department in Bangkok" repeated. Noisy signal gone by 0005. 0000 4-29 (Bill Carney, Port Hope MI2, MARE Tipsheet May 4 via DXLD)

15590, HSK9, Radio Thailand; English News read by OM & YL, got SLIGHTLY better as I listened. They change from a 6 azimuth to 38 at BoH--the former was audible, the later, never heard. 2+53+42+ just barely there, should be getting better as summer approaches. 0005-0033 28/Apr (Ken Zichi, Port Hope MI2, MARE Tipsheet May 4 via DXLD)

** TIBET [non]. TAJIKISTAN, Frequency changes of Voice of Tibet from May 2:
1230-1236 NF 11602 DB 100 kW / 131 deg to CeAs Tibetan, ex 11603
1236-1230 NF 11603 DB 100 kW / 131 deg to CeAs Tibetan, ex 11602
1305-1330 NF 9892 DB 100 kW / 131 deg to CeAs Tibetan, ex 9903
http://swldxbulgaria.blogspot.bg/2018/05/frequency-changes-of-voice-of-tibet.html
(Ivo Ivanov, SWLDXBulgaria News, May 1-2, WOR iog via DXLD)

** TIBET [non]. UZBEKISTAN [sic] Frequency change of Voice of Tibet, May 8
1236-1300 NF 11604 DB 100 kW / 131 deg to CeAs Tibetan, ex 11603
http://swldxbulgaria.blogspot.bg/2018/05/new-frequency-of-voice-of-tibet-may-8.html
(Ivo Ivanov, SWLDXBulgaria News, May 7-8, WOR iog via DXLD)

** TIBET [non]. TAJIKISTAN 9897 kHz V of Tibet program via Dushanbe Yangi Yul site, S=9 signal at 1345 to 1359 UT observed on remote SDR at Moscow, Russia.No China mainland accompanied jamming could be traced in European area of Russia today.

Other VoTibet channels these days are either
11633, 11627, 11603, 11602, 11517, 11513, 11512, 11507, 9903
or 9902 kHz, varies between 12 and 14 UT.
Morning program at 23-24z on either 7482, 7487, 7488, or 7493 kHz.
73 wb May 6 (Wolfgang B¸schel, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** TURKEY. 9830, May 1 at 2347, S9+10/20 VG signal with Turkish song; 2351 multi-lingual VOT IDs, 2353 brief German sign-off with lots of numbers (satellite info?), fragment of IS and cut off before 2354. Due to this timing, it appears to be a deliberate extension by the sleepy/sloppyrators at Emirler, i.e. another hour tacked on to the 2200 English broadcast, as German follows available over the feedline. It`s exactly the same thing that would happen sporadically during the B-season on 5960 after 0000 (Glenn Hauser, OK, WORLD OF RADIO 1929, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

9870, May 4 at 0125, no signal from VOT Spanish, so what about // 9770? Yes, Turkish music, VP S4-S5, and by the time I get back to 9870 at 0126, it`s back on too but no better (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Much odd frequency of Voice of Turkey on May 4
0600-1255 on 13635.8 EMR 500 kW / 310 deg to WeEu Turkish
http://swldxbulgaria.blogspot.bg/2018/05/much-odd-frequency-136358-khz-of-voice.html
(Ivo Ivanov, SWLDXBulgaria News, May 3-4, WOR iog via DXLD)

More and more odd frequencies of Voice of Turkey on May 7 (UPDATED)
0400-0455 on 21680.8 EMR 500 kW / 105 deg to SEAs Malay, pls check
0500-0655 on 13765.8 EMR 500 kW / 210 deg to CEAf Hausa & Swahili,
1000-1025 on 9855.8 EMR 500 kW / 032 deg to CeAs Tatar & previous
0600-1255 on 13635.8 EMR 500 kW / 310 deg to WeEu Turkish on May 4
http://swldxbulgaria.blogspot.bg/2018/05/voice-of-turkey-on-other-odd-frequency.html
(Ivo Ivanov, SWLDXBulgaria News, May 6-7, WOR iog via WORLD OF RADIO 1929, DXLD)

Observed from 30 April till 03 May on MW Diyarbakir-Osmanic occupied Kurdistan on 1062 kHz at around 1630-1830 UT - with prgram in Arabic and ID "Huna Turki", instead of usual prgram in Kurdish, also heard undergrounded bubble jamming.

On 30 April confirmed several harmonics of V Of Turkey's broadcasts - some of these were at 1735 UT heard, clear on 18920 (9460x2) kHz with muslim sermon [Turkish], on 19680 kHz Presseschau in German (9840x2) kHz - again on harmonix also on 2nd May, at 1830 UT on 19570 (9785x2) kHz in English, from 1930 UT on 19270 (9635x2) kHz in French, etc.
(Rumen Pankov-BUL, via wwdxc BC-DX TopNews April / May 6, BC-DX 8 May via WORLD OF RADIO 1929, DXLD)

Very good signal of TRT Voice of Turkey on odd 13635.8 kHz, May 8:
0600-1255 13635.8 EMR 500 kW / 310 deg WeEu Turkish, instead of 13635
1300-1555 9840.0 EMR 500 kW / 310 deg WeEu Turkish, as scheduled A18

http://swldxbulgaria.blogspot.bg/2018/05/very-good-signal-of-trt-voice-of-turkey.html
(Ivo Ivanov, Bulgria, ibid.)

** TURKEY [and non]. JAPAN vs. TURKEY, NHK World Radio Japan vs. Turkish Didence [? Defence?] Forces Radio, May 2
1100-1130 7355 YAM 300 kW / 330 deg FERu Russian, weak signal, co-ch till 1105 7355 Turkish Didence Forces Radio in Turkish USB mode, weak/fair
http://swldxbulgaria.blogspot.bg/2018/05/nhk-world-radio-japan-vsturkish-didence.html
(Ivo Ivanov, SWLDXBulgaria News, May 1-2, WOR iog via DXLD)

** UGANDA [non]. 15239.9, 1400, R Munansi via WWRB. OM with Lingala commentary & sx [?], 243, 15/04 (Michael L Ford, Newcastle-u-Lyme, Staffs, May BDXC-UK Communication via DXLD) Luganda, not Lingala! This mistake lives on (gh, DXLD)

15240-, Sat May 5 at 1500, via UTwente can`t get it due to huge splatter from 15245 CRI English, which is 500 kW, 308 degrees from Kashgar for one hour only. Recheck at 1700, now hilife music is good from Radio Munansi via WWRB on characteristic 15239.93 (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Good signal of Radio Munansi via WWRB Global 2 May 5
1735-2055 on 15240 WRB 100 kW / 045 deg to ENAm Mx/Luganda Sat/Sun
http://swldxbulgaria.blogspot.bg/2018/05/good-signal-of-radio-munansi-via-wwrb.html
(Ivo Ivanov, SWLDXBulgaria News, May 5-6, WOR iog via DXLD)

15240-, Sunday May 6 at 1407 check, very poor music offset minus, no doubt R. Munansi via WWRB active (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** U A E [and non]. On 29 April at 1850 UT on 12095 kHz tiny signal with talk in Arabic plus noise jamming or DRM ? Is 17-19 UT requested by BBC London in Arabic, via Al Dhabbaya UAE relay site (Rumen Pankov-BUL, via wwdxc BC-DX TopNews April / May 6, BC-DX 8 May via DXLD)

11775.115, NHK World R Japan, in Swahili via Al Dhabbaya relay site at 1515-1600 UT scheduled, S=9+25dB, at 1527 UT on May 1st. [selected SDR options, span 12.5 kHz RBW 15.3 Hertz] (Wolfgang B¸schel, df5sx, wwdxc BC-DX TopNews May 1, BC-DX 8 May via DXLD)

** U A E. Radio Abu Dhabi with re-activation on MW 1170 kHz with stronger signal here than co-channel Capodistria, Slovenia at around 1530-1830 UT, heard on 29nd April & 3rd May (Rumen Pankov, Bulgaria, via wwdxc BC-DX TopNews April / May 6, BC-DX 8 May via DXLD)

** U K. Hi Glenn, I've posted this to other groups but I thought this might be of interest to your listeners and forum members. It would be a great catch for MWDXers on your side of the pond.

I'm returning to MWDX after a very long break and was surprised to randomly tune to 648 and hear Radio Caroline. Their signal was weak but clear apart from local QRMI. This was around 12:00 am [noon?] so I was quite pleased to receive this signal as I'm 235 km away. The station is now legal with some broadcasts from the Ross Revenge and others from a land-based transmitter.

See their website at
http://www.radiocaroline.co.uk
Reception reports are welcome by email to
patedison@radiocaroline.co.uk QSL's are sent by email - Mine came back same day! I'm posting this as most lists still have BBC WS on 648 so please spread the word to list managers etc. Cheers (Tom Crosbie, G6PZZ, May 3, WOR iog via DXLD)

[and non]. Wandering around the northern coast of France recently, and Jersey last weekend, it is amazing how well the Caroline signal on 648 can be heard. Somewhere south of Rouen, during midafternoon the signal was amazing. On Jersey the quality of the broadcast was stunning. Well done to the Caroline engineers.

FM in Jersey, whilst sat high above Corbiere on the south-west tip of the island, produced a jam packed listening experience with mostly French stations, a few English, and, of course, the Channel Islands themselves. Naturally, my favourite community radio station, Quay FM from Alderney on 107.1, was audible.

The French seem to have a very wide variety of stations from which to choose and I particularly enjoyed Jazz Radio on 104.4 due to the wide range of music that seems to qualify as ëjazzí.

Hopefully, some of these stations can be heard when you join other BDXC members at Durlston Country Park, Swanage BH19 2JL on Saturday, 23rd June. This is an excellent elevated site (see aerial view of the site pictured right) and an ordinary car radio will seem like itís working wonders! (Open To Discussion With David Morris - mailbox@bdxc.org.uk May BDXC-UK Communication via DXLD)

** U K. DAVID HUNT is a fan of AM Stereo and recently asked Ofcom about the use of AM stereo in the UK. This follows reports that community radio station Radio Panj in Coventry on 1521 had been using AM stereo recently. David has received the following reply:

"Your question has been passed to me as your question is not one that our licensing team has encountered before. Respectfully, there has not been much demand for AM stereo from either audiences or broadcasters. However, perhaps connected with the continuing decline in broadcasting and listening to AM, we have noted a small amount of interest most recently. While in the process of considering this, your email was also brought to our attention.

This interest is notably from radio enthusiasts with a general interest in the heritage of AM broadcasting. Some have pointed out that although CQUAM compatible receivers are very rare, there are new Software Defined Radio techniques [to] enable the decoding of various analogue and digital multiplexed signals (including AM stereophonic transmissions) with a low-cost and generic 'front end'. As you may already be aware, the Ofcom Analogue Engineering Code specifically prohibits phase modulation of the carrier. It is because of this limitation that the use of C-QUAM and other ancillary or supplementary signals is currently not permitted. The Analogue Engineering Code is available to download from the Ofcom website.

The technical standards to which all analogue sound broadcasting transmitters must comply has been largely unchanged for many years. Because of this, Ofcom is currently considering what parts of this code might benefit from being updated. We hope to open a consultation later in the summer which could include our thoughts on what might be done to create more flexibility in the code as this could help to enable innovation. All stakeholders are encouraged to provide feedback to this consultation in order to help inform any final decision.î

Best regards, Rashid Mustapha, Senior Broadcast Specialist, Spectrum Group Ofcom" (via Open To Discussion With David Morris, May BDXC-UK Communication via DXLD)

** U K [non]. SINGAPORE, Frequency change of BBC World Service from May 2
1000-1200 NF 9410 SNG 125 kW / 013 deg to EaAs English, ex 9900
1000-1200 NF 9410 SNG 125 kW / 135 deg to AUS English, ex 9900
2200-2300 NF 5845 SNG 250 kW / 013 deg to EaAs English, ex 5890
http://swldxbulgaria.blogspot.bg/2018/05/frequency-change-of-bbc-world-service.html
(Ivo Ivanov, SWLDXBulgaria News, May 1-2, WOR iog via DXLD)

** U K. GREAT BRITAIN: 3955/DRM, BBC World Service with NewsService JournalineÆ low data rate digital text news headlines for BBC Europe & BBC Asia. 16.92 kbps required at least a 16 dB s/n to decode reliably. Audio programme was "Weekend" with items re the Korean talks, Myanmar / Rohinga issues and UN officials visit to the area to investigate. There was also an item re calls from Washington for new sanctions

against Iran for its nuclear development. The "Journaline" data had text headlines about things like Japanese women claiming Sumo is sexist because it is men only (I REALLY don't want to see co-ed sumo wrestling!) & ABBA gets back together. There was a 15 minute period with S/N of near 20 that worked great & allowed the audio to come in without skipping. The Beeb does something else ñ a small chunk of the MSC data is devoted to "Journaline" news headlines:

This level of signal actually loaded all the low data rate text (.54 kbps) completely. During the hour I listened, it was mostly NOT in completely, with maybe 20-25% of the audio making it through. Rather disappointing -- so close & yet so far! I've attached a snippet of audio during the time it came in well. *0500-0600* 29/Apr (Ken Zichi, Port Hope MI2, MARE Tipsheet May 4 via DXLD)

** U K. LA BBC PONE AL SERVICIO DE SUS OYENTES UN CURIOSO SERVICIO --- 02/05/2018

Pocas compaÒÌas han utilizado y albergan tantos efectos de sonido como la BBC. Ahora, por primera vez, han puesto a la disposiciÛn del p˙blico m·s de 16.000 efectos de sonido, que pueden descargarse gratuitamente.

El servicio se encuentra todavÌa en fase beta, pero puedes escuchar y descargar las pistas en esta p·gina web. Hay que dejar claro que sÛlo pueden ser utilizadas ìcon fines personales, educativos o de investigaciÛnî.

Uno de los puntos positivos de este archivo es que se puede buscar f·cilmente entre todas las pistas de audio, organiz·ndolas por duraciÛn, categorÌa o tipo de archivo.

De esta manera, tenemos acceso a efectos de sonido que forman parte de la BBC desde la dÈcada de 1920 en adelante. Lo mejor de todo es que est·n en formato .WAV, asÌ que no debemos preocuparnos por la calidad del audio.

No hace falta crear un usuario para descargar los efectos de sonido. Una vez que hayamos encontrado uno que nos guste, simplemente tendremos que pulsar el botÛn de color azul que aparece a la derecha.

BebÈs cantando, impresoras antiguas en pleno funcionamiento, un terrier australiano ladrando al aire libre, un tren que se acercaÖ. Esta p·gina web es un viaje para los sentidos y no sabremos quÈ nos podremos encontrar en cada uno de los archivos (source? via GRA blog via DXLD)

** U S A [and non]. PROTECTING JOURNALISTS PROTECTS US ALL --- MAY 3,

2018 --- CEO John F. Lansing honors fallen journalists on World Press Freedom Day.

Today, in recognition of World Press Freedom Day, we honored Ali Nur Siad, a contributor to VOA's Somali service who was killed in a bomb blast in Mogadishu, Somalia, on October 14, 2017. In a small ceremony this afternoon, Ali Nur's name was added to our Fallen Journalist Memorial, where he joins 14 other brave men and women who paid the ultimate price in pursuit of the truth.

Ali Nur's death reminds us that our journalists work in some of the most dangerous places on Earth. He was one of more than 300 people killed that day, in the nation's deadliest terror attack, and he died serving the people of Somalia. His death impacts the community not only by the loss of this young, vibrant and dedicated man, but also in the attack on access to information. The hole in his family can never be filled, but we will honor his legacy and dedication to community by continuing to serve the people of Somalia, providing them with unbiased news and information, so that they can make informed decisions for their own lives.

I am heartbroken to report that we are now preparing more plaques for the memorial wall. Earlier this week, two Radio Free Europe/Radio Liberty journalists were killed in a horrific bomb blast in Kabul, Afghanistan. Abadullah Hananzai and Sabawoon Kakar were targeted, along with other journalists in the area, and brutally murdered in an effort to silence the media. Maharram Durrani, who was to begin working for RFE/RL in mid-May, was also killed in the blast.

Their deaths will not be in vain. We mourn their loss, but we remain steadfast. We will not let these assaults on the press thwart our mission to engage and inform people everywhere in support of freedom and democracy.

Just last week we met with experts from The George Washington University School of Media & Public Affairs and the Committee to Protect Journalists to discuss journalist safety and the challenges and trends in international media freedom, as well as to highlight areas where media are under attack. The continued decline of press freedom worldwide, as measured by Freedom House and Reporters Without Borders, affects us all. A world in which information is controlled foments dissent, marginalization and conflict. Protecting journalists and the work they do is to protect us all.

This is the monthly blog from the CEO and Director of the Broadcasting Board of Governors, John Lansing.
More posts can be read online here.
https://www.bbg.gov/author/jlansing/

(BBG PR via Dr Hansjoerg Biener, Germany, DXLD) See also BURUNDI

** U S A [non]. Voice of America via Selebi Phikwe and SM di Galeria
on May 2:
0530-0630 13830 BOT 100 kW / 350 deg to CeAf French Mon-Fri, very good
0530-0600 9885 SMG 250 kW / 184 deg to CeAf French Mon-Fri, strong
0600-0630 9885 GB 250 kW / 091 deg to CeAf French Mon-Fri, no signal
http://swldxbulgaria.blogspot.bg/2018/05/voice-of-america-via-selebi-phikwe-
and.html
(Ivo Ivanov, SWLDXBulgaria News, May 1-2, WOR iog via DXLD)

** U S A [and non]. Updated shortwave schedule of World of Radio from
May 4
http://swldxbulgaria.blogspot.bg/2018/05/updated-shortwave-schedule-of-world-
of.html

Saturday, May 5, 2018
2030-2100 on 7780 YFR 100 kW / 044 deg to WeEu English Tue WRMI
2030-2100 on 9455 YFR 100 kW / 285 deg to WNAm English Tue WRMI
2130-2200 on 7780 YFR 100 kW / 044 deg to WeEu English Tue WRMI
2130-2200 on 9455 YFR 100 kW / 285 deg to WNAm English Tue WRMI
2330-2400 on #9330vBCQ 050 kW / 245 deg to ENAm English Tue WBCQ*
1030-1100 on 9955 YFR 100 kW / 160 deg to SoAm English Wed WRMI
2100-2100 on 7490vBCQ 050 kW / 245 deg to ENAm English Wed WBCQ
2100-2130 on 9395 YFR 100 kW / 355 deg to ENAm English Wed WRMI
2330-2400 on #9330vBCQ 050 kW / 245 deg to ENAm English Wed WBCQ*
2330-2400 on #9330vBCQ 050 kW / 245 deg to ENAm English Thu WBCQ*
2330-2400 on #9330vBCQ 050 kW / 245 deg to ENAm English Fri WBCQ*
0630-0700 on #6190 GOH 001 kW / 230 deg to CeEu English Sat HLR
1430-1500 on #6190 GOH 001 kW / 230 deg to CeEu English Sat HLR
2130-2200 on #9330vBCQ 050 kW / 245 deg to ENAm English Sat WBCQ*
2300-2330 on 7780 YFR 100 kW / 044 deg to WeEu English Sat WRMI^
0200-0230 on 7780 YFR 100 kW / 044 deg to WeEu English Sun WRMI
1030-1100 on #9485 GOH 001 kW / 230 deg to CeEu English Sun HLR
1900-1930 on 9395 YFR 100 kW / 355 deg to ENAm English Sun WRMI
2330-2400 on #9330vBCQ 050 kW / 245 deg to ENAm English Sun WBCQ*
0130-0200 on 5850 YFR 100 kW / 315 deg to WNAm English Mon WRMI
0130-0200 on 7780 YFR 100 kW / 044 deg to WeEu English Mon WRMI
0300-0330 on 5130vBCQ 050 kW / 245 deg to ENAm English Mon WBCQ
0330-0400 on 9955 YFR 100 kW / 160 deg to SoAm English Mon WRMI
2330-2400 on #9330vBCQ 050 kW / 245 deg to ENAm English Mon WBCQ*
0030-0100 on 7780 YFR 100 kW / 044 deg to WeEu English Tue WRMI
CUSB mode; ^ missing since April 21; * missing since April 22.
(?????????? ?? Observer ? 2:56 via DXLD)

WORLD OF RADIO 1928 monitoring: confirmed Wednesday May 2 at 2100 on
WBCQ 7490v, JBA vs storm noise level; slightly better simultaneously
on WRMI 9955, very poor. Both stations could do so much better in

summer daytimes on a higher band.

As long as WBCQ keeps BSing on 9330, thus starts a big gap in WOR availability on SW, until Sat 0630 on HLR 6190; Sun 0200 on WRMI 7780.

Hey, are there any SW stations out there that would like to run WOR on Thursday, Friday, or Saturday?! Next:

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Sat 0629   HLR 6190-CUSB to WSW
Sat 1431   HLR 6190-CUSB to WSW
Sat 1930v  WA0RCR 1860-AM ND
Sat 2300   WRMI 7780 to NE [not last three weeks; canceled?]
Sun 0200   WRMI 7780 to NE
Sun 0310v  WA0RCR 1860-AM ND
Sun 1030   HLR 9485-CUSB to WSW
Sun 1900   WRMI 9395 to NNW
Mon 0130.5 WRMI 5850 to NW, 7780 to NE
Mon 0300v  WBCQ 5130v Area 51 to WSW
Mon 0330   WRMI 9955 to SSE
Mon 0400   WRMI webcast only
Tue 0030   WRMI 7730 to WNW
Tue 2030   WRMI 7780 to NE, 9455 to WNW [or #1929?]
Tue 2130   WRMI 7780 to NE, 9455 to WNW [or #1929?]
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WORLD OF RADIO 1928 monitoring: Not having been broadcast since April 22 on WBCQ 9330v-CUSB, I am about to give up daily chex, but guess what, one more, Friday May 4 at 2330 finds it`s back! Breaking into otherwise 24h Brother Scaring. So will have to keep all these on the schedule as maybes. WORLD OF RADIO 1929

This was on the G8 in downtown Enid as the Tri-State Music Festival parade has already finished, fewer MS/HS bands than ever participating and only a few from out of town, furthest being Vici OK, who got a big hand, after the terrible wildfires around the town ñ they conquered but don`t know how to pronounce Vici in Latin, rather Vigh-sigh in Okie, which I guess does sound less weaky. Terrible financial problems caused by anti-tax Republican legislators against schools have taken their tolls. Who needs music education??

WOR 1928 confirmed by Ivo Ivanov, B`lgariya:
``GERMANY Reception of World of Radio via HLR on 6190 CUSB, May 5
http://swldxbulgaria.blogspot.bg/2018/05/reception-of-world-of-radio-via-hlr-on.html
0631-0700 6190 GOH 001 kW / 230 deg to CeEu English Sat, weak/fair``

I don`t get UTwente up and running before 1500 in time to check 6190 this week, the 1431 airing of WOR via HLR which is often inaudible.

Next:
Sat 2130 WBCQ 9330v-CUSB to WSW [maybe]
Sat 2300 WRMI 7780 to NE [not since April 7 but sked; canceled?]
Sun 0200 WRMI 7780 to NE
Sun 0310v WA0RCR 1860-AM ND
Sun 1030 HLR 9485-CUSB to WSW
Sun 1900 WRMI 9395 to NNW
Sun 2330 WBCQ 9330v-CUSB to WSW [maybe]
Mon 0130.5 WRMI 5850 to NW, 7780 to NE
Mon 0300v WBCQ 5130v Area 51 to WSW
Mon 0330 WRMI 9955 to SSE
Mon 0400 WRMI webcast only
Mon 2330 WBCQ 9330v-CUSB to WSW [maybe]
Tue 0030 WRMI 7730 to WNW
Tue 2030 WRMI 7780 to NE, 9455 to WNW [or #1929?]
Tue 2130 WRMI 7780 to NE, 9455 to WNW [or #1929?]
Tue 2330 WBCQ 9330v-CUSB to WSW [maybe; or 1929?]

WORLD OF RADIO 1928 monitoring: 6190, Hamburger Lokal Radio, Goehren, [GERMANY] *0600-, 05-05 [Saturday], English, program "Switzerland in Sound", at 0630 Glenn Hauserís program "World of Radio". 15321 (Manuel MÈndez, Lugo, Spain, Logs in Friol, Tecsun S-8800, cable antenna, 8 meters, WOR iog via DXLD)

Alan Gale, England, reports on the Hamburger Lokalradio 6190-CUSB 1431 broadcast Saturday May 5: ``Hi Glenn, Well, I can confirm that HLR is still on 6190 kHz during Saturday afternoons as yet, and today the signal came up at around 1400 UT, so Media Network was audible for the first time in ages at a reasonable strength. Sadly the signal did drop a bit around 1428, and was a bit up and down until around 1455, though still about 80% audible, though the signal came right up in strength for the final 5 minutes and just in time for the sign off. It will be interesting to see how well 6 MHz holds up as we approach midsummer.

One other report of WoR. The Friday evening IRRS broadcast on 7290 kHz at 1800 UT carried a mix of a lot of different programmes, but for the last 5 minutes World of Radio appeared until sign off. No repeat of that again this evening though. 73, Alan``

Checked here in OK, WBCQ 9330v-CUSB, Sat May 5 at 2131, continues with Brother Scare instead of WOR. (Axually there is no longer any point in running WOR one day a week at 2130 instead of 2330, as that was to accommodate Blalock the Blaster, who is no longer on 9330 at all, AFAIK. Maybe WOR went back to 2330 Saturday too? Not checked. Expect it still to be hit-and-miss.)

On April 7, 14, and 21, the listed Sat 2300 broadcast of WOR on WRMI 7780 was replaced by `Voice of the Report of the Week`; I inquired of

Jeff weeks ago about this, since WOR continued to appear on the WRMI programskedgrid. And have continued to monitor. Finally, Sat May 5 after 2300, WOR is back! on 7780, poor reception here but allegedly much better up the Eastern seaboard toward Europe in the ``Atlantic Northeast`` which is really the northwest Atlantic [WORLD OF RADIO 1929]

Confirmed UT Sunday May 6 at 0200 on WRMI 7780, JBA. Also confirmed UT Sunday May 6 at 0327 on WA0RCR, 1860-AM, MO, about 7 minutes into show, so started circa 0320.

Also reports of the Sunday 1030 on HLR 9485-CUSB heard in Europe:

9485, Hamburger LokalRadio, Goehren, *0900-1105, 06-05, 0900-0959 German program, 1000-1059, English, 1030 Glenn Hauserís program "World of Radio", 1100 program in Spanish "Radio Tropical". 15321 (Manuel MÈndez, Lugo, Spain, Logs in Friol, Tecsun S-8800, cable antenna, 8 meters, WOR iog via DXLD) And:

GERMANY, Reception of World of Radio via HLR on 9485 CUSB, May 6 1031-1100 on 9485 001 kW / 230 deg to CeEu English Sun, fair to good: http://swldxbulgaria.blogspot.bg/2018/05/reception-of-world-of-radio-via-hlr-on_6.html
(Ivo IvanÛv, Bulgaria, WOR iog via DXLD) Next:

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Sun 1900   WRMI 9395 to NNW
Sun 2330   WBCQ 9330v-CUSB to WSW [maybe]
Mon 0130.5 WRMI 5850 to NW, 7780 to NE
Mon 0300v  WBCQ 5130v Area 51 to WSW
Mon 0330   WRMI 9955 to SSE
Mon 0400   WRMI webcast only
Mon 2330   WBCQ 9330v-CUSB to WSW [maybe]
Tue 0030   WRMI 7730 to WNW
Tue 2030   WRMI 7780 to NE, 9455 to WNW [or #1929?]
Tue 2130   WRMI 7780 to NE, 9455 to WNW [or #1929?]
Tue 2330   WBCQ 9330v-CUSB to WSW [maybe; or 1929?]
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(Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

7780, 5/5 2310, WRMI - Miami, EE, World of Radio, suff. (Roberto Pavanello, Vercelli / Italia, via Roberto Scaglione, Sicilia, bclnews.it yg via DXLD)

WORLD OF RADIO 1928 monitoring: not confirmed Sunday May 6 after 2330 on WBCQ 9330v-CUSB, rather BS keeps playing. Confirmed UT Monday May 7 after 0130 on WRMI 5850 VG, 7780 VP. Also confirmed UT Mon May 7 starting at 0302 on Area 51 webcast, and VP at 0326 check on WBCQ 5129.9v (John Carver says weaker backup transmitter back on tonight after silence a few days). JBA UT Mon May 7 at 0330 on WRMI 9955,

confirmed on webcast. Not confirmed Mon May 7 at 2330 on WBCQ 9330v-CUSB, BS continued. Confirmed UT Tue May 8 at 0030 on WRMI 7730, good. Also confirmed Tue May 8 at 2030 on WRMI 7780 & 9455 both poor.

WORLD OF RADIO 1929 contents: Algeria non, Australia, Bahrain, Bangladesh, Burundi, Colombia non, Egypt, Ethiopia non, Europe, Germany, Greece, India, Korea North, Kuwait, Malaysia, Netherlands non, New Zealand, North America, Oman, Russia, Singapore +non, Turkey, USA; and the propagation outlook

WOR 1929 ready for first airings later Tue May 8: confirmed at 2130 on WRMI 7780 & 9455, both poor in noise level. Also confirmed (first time since Friday) Tue May 8 at 2330 on WBCQ 9330.133V-CUSB, breaking away from BS. As usual from this transmitter, varies slightly as I am measuring it. Next:

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Wed 1030   WRMI 9455 to WNW
Wed 2100   WRMI 9955 to SSE
Wed 2100   WBCQ 7490v to WSW
Wed 2330   WBCQ 9339v-CUSB to WSW [maybe]
Thu 2330   WBCQ 9339v-CUSB to WSW [maybe]
Fri 2330   WBCQ 9339v-CUSB to WSW [maybe]
Sat 0629   HLR 6190-CUSB to WSW
Sat 1431   HLR 6190-CUSB to WSW
Sat 1930v  WA0RCR 1860-AM ND
Sat 2130   WBCQ 9339v-CUSB to WSW [maybe][or 2330?]
Sat 2300   WRMI 7780 to NE
Sun 0200   WRMI 7780 to NE
Sun 0310v  WA0RCR 1860-AM ND
Sun 1030   HLR 9485-CUSB to WSW
Sun 1900   WRMI 9395 to NNW
Sun 2330   WBCQ 9339v-CUSB to WSW [maybe]
Mon 0130.5 WRMI 5850 to NW, 7780 to NE
Mon 0300v  WBCQ 5130v Area 51 to WSW
Mon 0330   WRMI 9955 to SSE
Mon 0400   WRMI webcast only
Mon 2330   WBCQ 9339v-CUSB to WSW [maybe]
Tue 0030   WRMI 7730 to WNW
Tue 2030   WRMI 7780 to NE, 9455 to WNW [or #1930?]
Tue 2130   WRMI 7780 to NE, 9455 to WNW [or #1930?]
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Full schedule for WOR on all outlets, not just SW; podcast linx:
http://www.worldofradio.com/radioskd.html
(Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** U S A. 9955, Saturday May 5 at 2229.5, pleased to hear by chance WRMI playing the Spanish ID I recorded many months ago. Automation is known to recycle on a weekly basis, and this could well be the only

instance.

My English ID was only ever heard Wednesdays at 1315.0/1415.0 winter on 9955 before a now deleted WOR airing. I also recorded IDs in French and Portuguese, which I have *never* heard on the air. Please let me know if anyone ever hear any of my WRMI IDs in any language.

2230 starts `Bajo el Sol de Miami`, YL introducing in Spanish except pronouncing WRMI letters in English; no jamming, also // much weaker 9455 as usual during the 22-23 hour.

7780, Sat May 5 at 2240, WRMI sounds like rock music, poor as usual on this frequency aimed into the Atlantic. Maybe VORW? Transmission skedgrid shows `Walking in Power` on Sat & Sun. But the program skedgrid below leaves this hour unaccounted for on any System.

AFAIK, last sked from VORW himself did not show anything on Sat or Sun, but WRMI does list him Sundays at 21-22 on 7780, 9455. For the past three weeks, VORW had also been playing on 7780 in the Sat 2300-2400 hour; see WOR Monitoring (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** U S A. Monitored WRMI Sunday Evening / Monday Morning (UTC) 7780 kHz Schedule --- From my recording last Sunday evening, 6-7 May UT:
2015 Viva Miami (??? poor reception; hard to tell)
2030 Reserve Military Retirement
2100 Voice of the Report of the Week, VORW Radio International
2200 Oldies
2250 VOA News, More Oldies
2300 Wavescan
2330 Shortwave Radiogram
0000 Radio Slovakia International in Slovak
0030 Radio Slovakia International in English
0100 Rockphesy
0130 World of Radio
(-- Richard Langley, NB, WOR iog via DXLD)

** U S A. WRMI Okeechobee registered 5010 kHz in HFCC Database, May 2
http://swldxbulgaria.blogspot.bg/2018/05/wrmi-okeechobee-was-registered-5010-khz.html
(Ivo Ivanov, SWLDXBulgaria News, May 2-3, WOR iog via DXLD) not on yet

** U S A. 5129.84v, May 4 at 0118, no signal from WBCQ, tho 7490v and 9330v are OK. BTW, a few pix of Angela with Allen at their Daytona Beach wedding have upshown on WBCQ FB, congrats:
https://www.facebook.com/WBCQThePlanet
(this does not constitute an endorsement by gh of disgraced FB)
(Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

7490.06, UT Sat May 5 at 0001, some C&W song rather than William Tell Overture, so is it not `Allan Weiner Worldwide` on WBCQ? Yes, in name only as Larry Will, a.k.a. cosmikdebris and Jane are hosting this week, making it quite a different show, as John Carver summarizes:

``Listening on 7490 this evening as 5130 is not on the air. Show started on time but not with the usual theme song. Instead opened with Ripple by the Grateful Dead which told me another guest host this evening. When the music finished we find that Larry Will and Jane are hosting the show. We were informed that Allan and Angela were on their honeymoon and on their way back to Maine. Allan is towing the transmitter he got from WRMI behind his vehicle and stopped in New Hampshire to take part in NearFest this weekend.

Larry opened by referring to some items in the Free Radio Weekly and some talk about DXing in general and some local station news. He mentioned the cutbacks at WWRB and stated that WBCQ was still in the process of expanding. Stated that tonight's show would be light, enjoyable and have no politics or world events.

After some music he went into reading from the Free Radio Weekly. Sang the praises of the Tecsun PL-880 for most radio listening. More music after the Free Radio Weekly, then some brief comments about FaceBook and some more music.

Show was off the air at 0100 finishing with some more music. With no politics, world events, rants, raised voices or irate callers it was actually a pleasant hour of entertainment this evening. John, Mid-North Indiana``.

Yes, I also found 5130 still off today; what`s wrong? May await fixture by AW once he get back to Monticello, but hopefully by Sat/Sun evenings for Area 51 (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

So far nothing on 5130. Sunday, May 6, 2018 12:44 AM From: ("John H. Carver Jr``, 0044 UT May 6, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Area 51 on backup transmitter this evening. ("John H. Carver Jr.", 2306 UT May 6, WORLD OF RADIO 1929, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** U S A. Dear Glenn, Thank you so much for all the information contained in the broadcast number 1928. As usual, it was very informative.

I've begun a new program broadcast on WBCQ called Biblical Perspectives heard on 7490 Thursday at 5:00-5:30 PM MST. My topics cover everything from biblical scholarship to current affairs and other spiritual and controversial topics. This week, I'll be talking

about the misunderstandings of Sabbath vs. Sunday in Christian history and how the liturgical church still keeps Shabbat in the Tri-idium of Eastern theology. I realize one half hour per week is not match for "Brother Scare". It's like David going after Goliath with a pea shooter! I've trying to be a voice of sanity and well reasoned arguments to help my audience to think critically about these issues. I will send thru Paypal a contribution to World of Radio as I am able. I'm so happy that two shortwave stations will have a power increase later this year. Sincerely, In His Grace, (Father Tom Roberts, PhD, KF7PKG, May 5, WORLD OF RADIO 1929, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

His call is in Weiser, Idaho, so probably means MDT? i.e. Friday at 2300-2330 UT ---- however, WBCQ sked shows Camp Constitution Radio on then, and the Available Time Slot is UT Fri 00-01, which = 5 pm MST, altho not vigent now except in part of Arizona. Asked him and he replies that it is 5 PM MDT as in Idaho, so that`s 23 UT Thu (gh)

Radio preachers --- I'm glad WBCQ has new talent; they really need some. Other than Brother Scared and whoever that preacher is on before Allen Weiner Worldwide squeaking into a telephone. Let's hope they get some real good talent (Mark Sills, TX, DX LISTENING DIGEST) The latter is `FKB Radio Sermon Time`, Fri 23-24 on 7490 (gh)

** U S A [and non]. From the Isle of Music, May 6-12:

This week, musicologist and producer Gretel Garlobo helps us explore Trovuntivitis, a contagious musical movement that broke out in Villa Clara province Then, we listen to some excellent Afrocuban Fusion from Los Hermanos Arango.

Four opportunities to listen on shortwave:
1. For Eastern Europe but audible well beyond the target area in most of the Eastern Hemisphere (including parts of East Asia and Oceania) with 100 kW, Sunday 1500-1600 UT on SpaceLine, 9400, from Kostinbrod, Bulgaria (1800-1900 MSK)

2. For the Americas and parts of Europe, Tuesday 0000-0100 UT on WBCQ, 7490 from Monticello, ME, USA (Monday 8-9 PM EDT in the US). This has been audible in parts of NW, Central and Southern Europe with an excellent skip to Italy recently.

3 & 4. For Europe and sometimes beyond, Tuesday 1900-2000 UT and Saturday 1200-1300 UT on Channel 292, 6070 from Rohrbach, Germany.

Uncle Bill's Melting Pot, Sun, May 6 & Tues, May 8, 2018
Episode 61 presents some acid Rock from South Vietnam recorded in the 1960s and 1970s.

Sundays 2200-2230 UT (6:00-6:30 PM Eastern US) on WBCQ The Planet 7490 shortwave from the US to the Americas and parts of Europe; Tuesdays (beginning May 1) 2000-2030 UT on Channel 292, 6070 from Rohrbach, Germany for Europe. If current propagation conditions hold, the broadcast should reach from Iceland to Western Russia, Scandinavia down to the Middle East, AND a long bounce to parts of New Zealand (William "Bill" Tilford, Owner/Producer, Tilford Productions, LLC, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

From the Isle of Music, May 13-19:
No interviews this week, rather a potpourri of new releases of new Cuban Jazz and Popular Dance Music

Four opportunities to listen on shortwave: [as above]

Uncle Billís Melting Pot, Sun, May 13 & Tues, May 15, 2018
Episode 62 presents two of Uncle Billís favorite Brazilian singers, Elis Regina and Claudia (a.k.a. Claudya). [As above] (William "Bill" Tilford, Owner/Producer, Tilford Productions, LLC, May 8, DX LISTENING DIGEST via WOR iog)

** U S A. 7505v, May 4 at 0110, no signal from WRNO, nor yet at 0147; hit or miss operation (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Hi Glenn, WRNO was late starting tonight. Was off the air at 0305 & 0332, but clearly heard, in English, at 0339 (Ron Howard, California, WOR iog via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

9400, WRNO-New Orleans, 0348-0355 on May 5, Station ID at 0350. Religious show called "The Haven". SIO 333 (Ron Sives, Pennsylvania. ETON Field Radio and the Princeton Sky Wire, NASWA Flashsheet via DXLD) WRNO is usually reported on 7505, not 9400 (Rich D`Angelo, ed., ibid.) Indeed; surely there is some mistake here! (gh)

** U S A. 11660, May 2 at 1343, unlike yesterday, no signal from WTWW, 2 x 5830, the fundamental confirmed still on air. Might be due to propagation, except: neighbor WWCR 13845 and 15825 are 20 over 9! Due to sporadic E boost.

Map checked a couple hours later shows 53 MHz MUF between there and here, reminding us that the VHF Es season is getting underway. But WWCR serves as a pilot that the MUF may be building. There is however a JBA carrier on 11660, i.e. CRI English via Kashgar, East Turkistan (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** U S A. 17775.088, May 2 at 1355, finds KVOH already on air with S6 signal in Spanish; BFO is on as I am first tuned to 17775.00, shortly hearing it jump away abruptly as remeasured above, warming up? (Glenn

Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** U S A. WWRB: Greetings!!!! We will have about 300 sections of Rohn 25 G tower sections for sale. The cost for each section will be $50.00 per section, cash and carry.

We are in the process of taking down 7 antennas here at WWRB. The towers are still standing right now. Before we take action, we want to find out if any of your readers have any need for them. It's a lot of work taking them down section by section; if no interest in them, we cut the guy lines and let them fall, then it's off to the scrap yard. A total loss for everyone.

4 WORKING 100 kW transmitters met the same fate, cut up and scrapped.

We are in the process of building a new Aircraft Runway for our students and need the land with very few obstructions. We have on site our own VORTAC, DME, ILS, NDB beacon, GPS approaches lending this facility for intensive flight training from private pilot to airline transport rating. In one hour we can do ten ILS approaches, saving plenty of time & money, not being vectored around for spacing between aircraft. We offer Bush training instructing pilots how to operate in short runways takeoffs and landings.

For the most part Shortwave Broadcasting is done for, because most religious groups are 'return on investment', not interested in furthering the Gospel to just anybody. They want to see $$$$$$ and bodies with pay checks in their social club (church).

Shortwave broadcasting costs plenty of money with almost zero $$$$$$$ return. Someone in Cuba is not going to be in the social clubs (church) fold and NOT bring them their paycheck, so they do not care about them, except in cheap lip service. How sad but true.

It's sad that when they contact our company for a charity medical flight in our Cessna Citation, they get mad as hell when we tell them we will pay for everything but --- they have to PAY for the fuel CLICK is what you hear on the Phone and they NEVER call back. When you look at the social clubs (church) web site, they boast 2000 member PLUS!!!! social club (church) and they cannot pay for ANYTHING. You know them by their fruit --- never ending search for SUCKERS!!!!! Can't even pay the fuel bill but they have a BIG building!!!!

There are a few people that have a true heart, wanting to reach people, so we keep one antenna and one transmitter and give them the airtime at dead cost 100 kW for $25.00 per hour.

I have 25 students myself, in various stages of training and it is

such a PLEASURE working with people that are not afraid of the boooooogie man going to take their pop gun or pop pistol away. Or hiding under their bed eating MRE's (meals ready to eat) or arguing over some Chicken Shit social club (Church) doctrine that cannot be proven one way or the other but are willing to kill you or destroy you over it.

In closing, via our web page if your readers have an interest or need, let us know how many they need. Again contact us via our web page contact at http://www.wwrb.org

Thank you, Glenn for allowing this on your page we hope your readers can make use of these tower sections for their ham/SW station. Again thank you!!!!! (Dave Frantz, WWRB, May 2, WORLD OF RADIO 1929, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

I put the above before editing on the WOR iog right away May 2. I have no idea whether by a week later he has cut the guys or got some answers (gh, DXLD)

To a certain extent I am horrified that the transmitters were cut up for scrap. Then again, I was also looking at some screwy Schedule C business losses today at work and wondering what would be shipped off to Examinations for audit in those cases. I'm curious at this point if the WWRB license is already surrendered to the Commission or if there is a clearing price for purchasing it prior to getting a new construction permit in a new location. I know an Application For Transfer of Control would need to be submitted to the Commission but putting a US-owned shortwave station in the Caribbean might be useful depending upon if we get slammed with another bad hurricane season. There has been some limited discussion and review of the feasibility of building up such a capacity considering how Puerto Rico's infrastructure is still pretty much in bad shape and that there are so many non-US jurisdictions in that region.

Here's a citation to a story from the Columbia Journalism Review about how the media landscape has changed in Puerto Rico:

Bell, Ryan. ìAfter Hurricane Maria, AM Radio Makes a Comeback in Puerto Rico.î Columbia Journalism Review, April 23, 2018. https://www.cjr.org/united_states_project/hurricane-maria-puerto-rico-radio.php

Perhaps simple AM shortwave even with NVIS antennae could cover the region more simply than other transmission methods? (Stephen Michael Kellat, KC8BFI, May 3, ibid.)

Interesting hypothesis, but Dave says he is keeping one SW transmitter where it is, not surrendering license. Spare capacity at Okeechobee

would be ideal for serving Puerto Rico, as I suggested to Jeff when the hurricanes hit (gh, DXLD)

Re: [WOR] WWRB downsizing, selling Rohn tower sections --- For what it is worth, WWRB's main problem is the abrasiveness of their owner. I had considered buying air time from them a few years back but very quickly he started insulting me, so that conversation didn't last long.

Thankfully the other relay stations I've worked with (WBCQ, WRMI, WINB and Channel 292) have a more professional approach (James via cell Branum, OK, ibid.)

** U S A. 15555-USB, 5/5 1640, WJHR - Milton, EE, predica suff (Roberto Pavanello - Vercelli / Italia bclnews.it yg via DXLD)

Exact frequency of 15555, usb mode S=9+15dB in remote SDR at NY state eastern North America at 1605 UT on May 6th, male about relationship. Jerusalem and Lord-given many times, fatalists. Sermon by male, like a 'machine gun' speed spoken. S=9 in Detroit MI state. S=6-7 in western Europe. 73 wb (Wolfgang B¸schel, HCDX via DXLD)

** U S A. 3215, May 8 at 0600, WWCR-1 is open carrier/dead air, at least back on since maintenance break signing it off at 0400 previously (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** U S A [non]. Taiwan / China / USA --- Has received QSL-card Sound of Hope. 2 April 2018/0500-0600 UT / 11970 kHz. A few weeks ago, they sent the electronic QSL initially, now came the paper one. E-mail: joanna.xia @ bayvoice.net
(AC [initials not keyed to anyone], QSL World, Rus-DX 6 May via DXLD)

Received paper QSL from Sound of Hope from the USA. The card was sent from San Francisco on April 14, 2018. The card is here http://freerutube.info/2018/04/11/qsl-sound-of-hope-ssha-2015-god/ (Dmitry Elagin, Saratov, Russia / "deneb-radio-dx", ibid.)

** U S A. 910, May 2 at 1205 UT, ``Kyrie Eleison`` and then Christian service in English. First thought it might be RCatholic, but NW/SE and most likely from KPOF Denver, which per NRC AM Log now stands for ``Point of Faith``, rather than ``Pillar of Fire``; so the old slogan was a bit too threatening? (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** U S A. 1010, May 4 at 0136 UT, lo-key chat in Spanish by a padre with slight Anglo accent, about PJP2, then musulmanes en Filipinas sending their kids to Catholic schools. By now I`m thinking to compare it to WEWN 5970, and sure enough, it`s the same, about two words behind SW. 1010 loops slightly CCW from E-W, which is also just right

for KTNZ, Amarillo, Tejas.

Six years ago KTNZ was ``Super Tejano`` per a stalled FB page searched out; last year it was ESPN in English; and some otherwhen hits called it `LaRaza``. But flipped again back to Spanish, this time another religion, EWTN, as first heard here last October as in DXLD 17-40 et seq. (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** U S A. 1060-, May 4 at 0133 UT, contact info in Spanish with a 605 AC phone number?? That would be South Dakota, but I don`t think KGFX Pierre would be in Spanish; then KIJN calls, and P O Box 458, Farwell TX 79325. SSB tuning eliminates the characteristic fast SAH from this always off-frequency station against anything else. 10 kW daytimer runs all night, but now is still legal as official FCC May sunset is 0145 UT (also August; June & July 0200 UT --- not that they care) (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** U S A. 1110, FLORIDA, WTIS, Tampa. 1040 May 2, 2018. As of April 30 (per Wiki, while I just noticed it this morning), the placeholder automated Oldies flipped to automated Spanish Tropical as I suspected would eventually happen given the ownership. No liners or commercials, presumably another placeholder for an upcoming dedicated Spanish format.

Not parallel 680 WGES (Spanish gospel) or 1550 WAMA (Mexi-tunes) sister stations, and still parallel the 101.1 FM downtown Tampa translator. Separate English and Spanish male canned LID's separated by a song or two around TOHs, no clear slogan culled yet; "Tu nueva radio" though. And the owners still refuse any web presence for 1110 kc/s. I'm sure nobody's listening, still, despite the mighty signal for a D1 (Terry L. Krueger, Clearwater, FL, IC-R75, NRD-535, longwires, active loop, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** U S A. 1130, May 3 at 2030 check, KLEY in SNAFU mode, as more often that not. These episodes were first noted here 2.5+ months ago, February 14, the description still correct, altho the counts may vary:

``1130, Feb 14 at 1925 UT on caradio near downtown Enid, KLEY Wellington KS is all messed up. Continuous spark-pulses at steady rate of about 288/minute or 4.8 per second on this frequency only so not external QRN; mixed in are very irregular split-second flashes of carrier modulated mostly with music; sometimes once a second, other times with long 5+ second pauses. During one 60-second span, I counted 39 of them``

Any licensee so incompetent/ignorant of its AM station deserves to lose it, if not be fined.

1130, May 6 at 1328 UT quick check: KLEY Wellington KS is still SNAFU, pop-pop, click-click (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** U S A. MeTV article; Very good article. Usually that's what I have on when I'm in the car when I'm Chicago. I know several people (boomers) who listen to it all the time.
http://www.chicagotribune.com/business/ct-biz-me-tv-fm-chicago-radio-20180427-story.html
(Don Moore, MARE Tipsheet May 4 via DXLD)

While heading home from Port Hope this past weekend, tuning the AM radio, by the time I got to Bad Axe I settled on 1250 WJMK ìOldies METV FMî, formerly 1250 WHHQ Catholic Radio. I probably could have listened as soon as I was on the road from Port Hope. I lost the station by the time I got to Saint Louis. WJMK is licensed to Bridgeport, a SE suburb of Saginaw. Never heard any commercials, only an occasional promo for METV TV shows. I'm sure commercials are in its future. The ìlegal IDsî were at about 10 minutes before the hour, not near the TOH. I suspect this station runs on a computer, who clock is off, as opposed to a satellite or internet feed, although likely programmed from corporate HQ in Chicago. I'm confident the music is all stored on a hard drive at the station (Jack Amelar, ibid.)

** U S A. 1600, LOUISIANA, KLEB, Golden Meadow. 1039 May 6, 2018. Male canned "KLEB... and KLRZ 100.3..." into Zydeco tune. Co-channel WKWF Key West (sports talk) and WPOM Riviera Beach (Haitian kreyol). This one occasionally surfaces briefly as my local sunrise nears (Terry L. Krueger, Clearwater, FL, IC-R75, NRD-535, longwires, active loop, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** U S A. 1690 WMLB to close. Hello, DXmidAMerica reports:-

1690 WMLB*GA Avondaler Estates 2b:SILent. 5-7
http://radiotvtalk.blog.myajc.com/2018/05/04/1690-wmlb-am-voice-of-the-arts-shutting-down-after-21-years/

Owner Joe Weber has decided to shut down his sublimely eclectic AM music station WMLB before the end of the month after 21 years on the air. The lease for his Midtown studios is up later this month so he decided this was a good time to close the doors on the station he dubbed ìThe Voice of the Arts.î He didnít cite a specific shut-down date but on-air personalities said it will probably be mid May. WMLB started at 1190 in 1997 before moving up the dial in 2006 to 1690, a signal which he purchased for $12 million. Weber, 73, who was a successful bakery supply company owner in his younger days, said the media world shifted around him and made it impossible for him to make any money on the AM dial with two stations.

Best wishes (via Barry :-) Davies, Carlisle UK, May 6, MWCircle yg via WORLD OF RADIO 1929, DXLD)

Glenn, 1690 WMLB Atlanta To Sign-Off - RadioInsight
https://radioinsight.com/headlines/168248/1690-wmlb-atlanta-to-sign-off/

JW Broadcasting will pull the plug on ìThe Voice of the Artsî 1690 WMLB Avondale Estates/Atlanta GA by the end of the month.

Owner Joe Weber told the Atlanta Journal-Constitution, ìThe stations were never profitable. My timing was akin to a man who bought two state-of-the-art buggy whip manufacturing facilities in 1914Ö Once the iPod and the iPhone were out, people had so many other ways to get music and entertainment.î WMLB will sign-off as the lease on the stationís studios expires.

Weber sold Conservative Talk 1160 WCFO East Point/Atlanta to Atlanta Catholic Radio in April for $750,000. He tells the newspaper that he intends to retain the WMLB license and tower which also is used by two other Atlanta market AMs.

WMLB currently features a mix of independent music, world music, folk, and Classical along with some Liberal Talk programming (via Artie Bigley, DXLD)

** U S A. 1710, LOUISIANA (PIRATE), Radio RetÈn lo que Tienes, B,ton Rouge. 1036 May 6, 2018. Fair-poor in passing with Spanish preacher (Terry L. Krueger, Clearwater, FL, IC-R75, NRD-535, longwires, active loop, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** U S A. FCC HITS PATERSON, NEW JERSEY, PIRATE RADIO OPERATOR WITH $25,000 FINE (28 April)

The FCC slapped the operator of an unlicensed radio station with a $25,000 penalty for continually operating the pirate station despite repeatedly being warned it was ìillegal.î Winston Tulloch of Paterson was levied the fine on Wednesday, according to the FCC. He ran the allegedly unauthorized radio station on 90.9 MHz in Paterson using an FM broadcast antenna mounted on the roof of a multi-family building on East 30th Street. Investigators began looking into the pirate station on 18 February 2015. On each visit, investigators recorded a portion of the broadcast that led to Tullochís identity. Full report at:
http://patersontimes.com/2018/04/27/fcc-hits-paterson-pirate-radio-operator-with-25000-penalty/
(via May BDXC-UK Communication via DXLD)

** U S A. FCC TARGETS PIRATES --- On any given night, David Goren can tune into more than 30 underground radio stations from his apartment

in Flatbush, Brooklyn. ìAbout a dozen of them broadcast in Creole, to the Haitian community,î Goren, a local journalist and producer who researches the cityís pirate stations, told /The Outline/. ìA lot of the stations will air news from home.î In addition to news and politics updates, Goren said, these stations feature Caribbean music that doesnít get airtime on mainstream stations, advertisements for local businesses, and occasional call-in sessions with immigration attorneys.

For some immigrant communities across the country, these underground radio stations are an easy way of staying connected to oneís roots. In New York City, there may be more unlicensed broadcasters than licensed ones Some of these clandestine broadcasters are small enterprises, while others are full-fledged stations that run advertisements and generate revenue. All of them run the risk of being fined ó or in some states, including New York, New Jersey, and Florida, having their operators imprisoned if theyíre caught by the Federal Communications Commission.

Here is a downloadable 41 page detailed report on the pirates of New York including measurements and findings. It is limited to FM pirates though.
https://nysbroadcasters.org/wp-content/uploads/2018/03/Pirates-MSW-2016-study-final-pdf.pdf
It includes photos of numerous pirates located ñ but seemingly so far not yet raided. The FCC has been chasing down unlicensed pirate stations for decades (somewhat ineffectively).

In 1987, /The New York Times/ reported on a high profile raid of a pirate station that was operating from a boat off the coast of Long Island.
https://www.nytimes.com/1987/07/27/nyregion/off-li-a-pirate-radio-station-defies-fcc.html

But with the recent appointment of Ajit Pai, President Donald Trumpís pick for FCC chairman, the federal government seems to be taking a new zero-tolerance approach to pirate stations, one that may drive these broadcasters off the air for good. In late March, federal authorities raided the headquarters of two Boston-based pirate radio stations and seized their equipment
http://www.wcvb.com/article/pirate-radio-stations-busted-in-boston-by-fcc/19635238

And last fall, the popular Miami-based pirate station Touche Douce was hit with a proposed $144,344 fine the maximum allowed under FCC regulations at the time.
http://www.miamiherald.com/news/nation-world/world/americas/haiti/article177077711.html
(original source? via May-June Mediumwave News via DXLD)

** U S A. Hi Glenn: If you have not heard, Chuck Harder, host of ìFor The Peopleî which aired on shortwave in the 1990s and 2000s has passed.
https://news.radio-online.com/cgi-bin/rol.exe/headline_id=n35449

He was a true non-partisan and I especially enjoyed listening to him on my auto shortwave during commutes home from Brooklyn in the days after 9/11/2001. 73, (Dan Srebnick, Aberdeen, NJ, May 8, WORLD OF RADIO 1929, DX LISTENING DIGEST) Viz.:

TALK RADIO PIONEER AND HOST CHUCK HARDER DEAD AT 74
RADIO ONLINE | Tuesday, May 1, 2018 | 6:31pm CT

Chuck Harder [portrait]

Talk Radio Pioneer and legendary host of "For The People" Chuck Harder died on April 10, 2018 at age 74. Upon learning of Chuck Harder's passing with little fanfare within the radio industry, Tom Donahue decided to write and pass along the following tribute to RADIO ONLINE:

"Chuck Harder had an illustrious radio broadcast career that's spanned decades. Harder had been a prominent radio DJ, talk show host, creator and founder of radio stations, talk radio networks, satellite systems, cable TV and newspaper projects. He worked in New York City, Tampa radio and other markets, eventually leading to national syndication. Harder was on the forefront of broadcast evolution, forging new paths. He started the Sun Radio Network and the For The People radio program and organization, based in Tampa, Florida.

Following a fallout with his new network business partners, he went on to form a new radio network The Peoples Radio Network, relocating to the Telford Hotel in White Springs, Florida. Harder's For The People radio show was heard on more than 300 radio stations and shortwave radio.

Chuck was beloved by a large loyal following and his show was hugely popular and made a profound difference in their lives. Chuck Harder's program, with the exception of Rush Limbaugh's show, was the most listened to syndicated show in prime daytime. Harder's show and network supplied and sustained so many small market independently owned stations. Chuck's show was also carried by some big time stations in major markets. He had a golden radio voice and was a complete natural on-air broadcaster. If any radio talent and consummate broadcaster deserves a place in the Radio Hall of Fame, it is Chuck Harder!

Harder was not a political partisan, rather an independent populist, a

protectionist, pro-America nationalist, who leaned left, yet, his politics were of, for and by the people. Chuck was a consumer advocate who looked out for the little guy and the average American. He gave voice to the voiceless, offered common sense for the common man. He cared about our country and its people.

Harder had his tax exempt 501(C)3 status scrutinized and investigated by the IRS and Justice department for primarily political purposes. He endured an 18 year harassing and intrusive audit. Chuck was a harsh critic of both the Bush and Clinton regimes and more favorably supportive of Ross Perot, Reform Party and other lesser known political parties and persons.

Chuck Harder was a fair-trade protectionist who waged the trade resistance war vs NAFTA/GATT globalist agendas. Chuck fought for the average American Worker and for bringing back better paying manufacturing jobs. Build and Buy American! He opposed outsourcing and exporting of jobs, plant closings and foreign relocations, competing unfairly with cheap foreign labor and the influx of illegals, and the lack of secure borders. He investigated and challenged the power elite structure and status quo in big business, big media, and big government.

Chuck covered: consumer affairs, current events, trade and tax policies, fair vs free trade, political news, mega-monopolies, corruption, conspiracies and cover-ups, nationalism vs globalism, alternative media and free press, NASA and UFO's and much more. His show had a eclectic mix of commentary, callers, news, and guests. His signature brand show, theme music and bumpers, his newspaper, unique product offerings and his historic broadcast setting made for a most memorable experience. For The People and Peoples Radio Network represented an alternative media vs the mainstream monopoly media.

Without a Chuck Harder or Pat Buchanan paving the way; along with Ross Perot and later Michael Savage, there is No Trump campaign or presidency! Chuck deserves credit for his many contributions to informing and awakening America.

Strangely, Chuck Harder and Art Bell died within few days of each other in April. Both were arguably the biggest and most impactful talk radio stars of their genres in the 1990's and with the exception of Rush Limbaugh, ruled the talk radio landscape! They were both fiercely independent and alternative in their unique approaches.

Chuck Harder's likely regrets might be his failings and mishandling of some of his business dealings with partners that cost him his various operations. Kayla, Liberty Lobby (Sun Radio Network), United Auto Workers (Peoples Radio Network, United Broadcast Network). Despite,

these setbacks, Chuck remained on-the-air with his message and mission "For The People". He later would broadcast his show via Talk America Radio Network, then started Talk Star Radio Network and online streaming and satellite. Then For The People radio show podcast with co-host Keith Alan, who now continues on in the tradition of Chuck Harder.

Harder was beset for years with health ailments that included weight struggles, leg and heart problems and finally a severe stomach disorder. Chuck died of health related complications. He had been confined to a nursing home in Gainesville, Florida. He faced extreme health and financial challenges lifelong and persevered. Chuck was bigger than life literally and figuratively.

Full disclosure: I was the talk host who replaced Chuck Harder's show on The Sun Radio Network back in April, 1991. We competed in the afternoons for many months before my joining Chuck's Peoples Radio Network, in White Springs, Florida for nearly two years. Due to the controversial nature of both of our talk shows we had deep state government surveillance and interference that caused Harder concerns and his severing the ties with my show airing on his network.

I was deeply disappointed and had to regroup and concentrate on seeking a new syndicating network to serve my affiliate stations and loyal listener base. Fortunately, I rebounded with BRN and later with Talk America Radio Network. If it hadn't been for Chuck's departure from Sun Radio Network I may not have ever experienced holding down a nationally syndicated talk show on this high level. Then to later join Chuck at his new network.

In fact, for a few months I resided at the remote, historic Telford Hotel and broadcast center, before moving to Jacksonville. I feel a great debt of gratitude for the influence that Chuck Harder had on me and my career. The interesting intersection of our lives and careers was uncanny. He was one of the all-time greats! A legendary broadcast talent and media force who made his mark. It is my hope that Chuck Harder garners the radio broadcast respect and recognition long earned and well deserved and sometime soon is honored for his meaningful work in the Radio Hall of Fame." By Tom Donahue host of "America's Town Forum in the 1990's" (via WORLD OF RADIO 1929, DXLD) obit

I asked Dan if he remembered which SW station(s), frequencies CH was on? He replied, ``I recall listening on WWCR but he may have also once been on WRNO back in the 1990s. But I would verify that one``.

Not many mentions of Chuck Harder in the DXLD e-archive. See 5-052 and 5-080 about his TV network operations; 13-36 about a SW radio he sold (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** U S A. ART BELL RIP --- Former "Coast to Coast AM" and "Dreamland" radio host Art Bell, W6OBB, of Pahrump, Nevada, died on Friday, April 13, at his home, the Nye County Sheriff's Office announced. He was 72. A KSNV news report indicated that Bell's family was with him when he died. The Sheriff's Office said an autopsy would be performed. [any results yet??? gh]

Bell's long-running radio show trafficked in conspiracy theories, the paranormal, and "dark matter."

Ham radio came up too, from time to time. In early 2004, Bell aired an extensive live interview with then-ARRL President Jim Haynie, W5JBP (SK).

"Coast to Coast AM" was syndicated nationwide in the early morning hours and, at its peak, was said to have reached 50 million listeners. Bell produced the show from his own studio in the High Desert of Nevada.

Often, after his show was over, he would get together on 75 meters with a group of friends.

Bell retired from "Coast to Coast AM" in the early 2000s, although he had served as a guest host as recently as 2010. He briefly returned to the air with "Art Bell's Dark Matter," which lasted several weeks on the SiriusXM satellite network, but he subsequently got involved with another radio program, "Midnight in the Desert," streamed via the Internet. He quit that show in 2015, however, citing "security concerns" at his home. He was married four times and had four children.

In his heyday, Art was a frequency [sic] visitor to DXers in Europe tuned stations in the USA. Art was on so many stations that here in the UK one might hear his voice on half a dozen MW channels at once ñ making getting a local station rather trickier!

You will find a selection of his shows on Youtube including programmes on time travel, alien contact, dark matter and top secret UFOs https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLNZkV-oyBzmc2VcKdX3PmY8Kb18kwAXPC (source? via May-June Mediumwave News via DXLD) OBIT

** U S A. Ken Zichi: WKAR TV [PBS Lansing] has pushed back their 'new transmitter date' to May 9 because ice on their antenna caused a delay. Rescan date to continue to watch them over the air is now on May 9 instead of May 1 (Ken Zichi, MI, MARE Tipsheet May 4 via DXLD) DTV

** UZBEKISTAN. 7465, May 4 at 0111, S Asian? language talk at S6 vs S9 storm noise level. NDXC/Aoki shows it`s TWR India via Tashkent, M-F in Hindi at 0045-0115; plus 0115-0130 in Nepali or more Hindi or Dzongkha or Tibetan, also M-F only (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** UZBEKISTAN. Reception of Adventist World Radio AWR via MBR
Tashkent, May 2:
till 1330 9955 TAC 100 kW / 131 deg SEAs Chinese Voice of Tibet 40 sec
1330-1400 9955 TAC 100 kW / 131 deg SEAs Assamese Sun/Wed, good signal
At same time and same frequency Indonesian Mon/Tue/Sat & Hmong Thu/Fri
http://swldxbulgaria.blogspot.bg/2018/05/reception-of-adventist-world-radio-awr.html
(Ivo Ivanov, SWLDXBulgaria News, May 1-2, WOR iog via DXLD)

** VATICAN [non]. 9890, May 2 at 1241, S2-S6 in Russian, martial? music. EiBi shows it`s Vatican News at 1230-1300, relayed by IBB Tinang, PHILIPPINES for Siberia. Violating Separation of Church and State (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** VATICAN. NHK World Japan Network Radio Japan via SM di Galeria May 5
till 0500 9860 SMG 250 kW / 184 deg WeAf Ruusian 30 sec, unscheduled
0500-0530 9860 SMG 250 kW / 184 deg WeAf English, very strong signal
0530-0531 9860 SMG 250 kW / 184 deg WeAf French, also is unscheduled
http://swldxbulgaria.blogspot.bg/2018/05/nhk-world-japan-network-radio-japan-via_9.html
(Ivo Ivanov, SWLDXBulgaria News, May 3-4, WOR iog via DXLD)

** VIETNAM [and non]. Vietnam War Public Radio Broadcasts
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=SmA1aaiDppM
This is a collection of audio excerpts from different Vietnam War era related radio broadcasts. Most are from American sources, including the American Forces Vietnam Network (AFVN). Also included are broadcasts from Radio Hanoi and Radio Peking.
(YouTube Video of the Month, May CIDX Messenger via DXLD)

** VIETNAM [non]. USA [via WHRI]. 7315. VOV. Mayo 1. 0030-0058 UT. Noticias sobre la participaciÛn de Vietnam de un encuentro empresarial y de cumbre de lÌderes de la ASEAN en Singapur, Aniversario 43 del DÌa de la LiberaciÛn del Sur y ReunificaciÛn y de los recuerdos de los asistentes a las actividades; descripciÛn acerca del programa artÌstico ìEco del rÌo del Perfumeî. A las 0039, Noticias Internacionales sobre: Sanciones a Ir·n, Rusia apoya las conversaciones intercoreana, CoordinaciÛn entre Surcorea y Estados Unidos para una cumbre con Norcorea en unas semanas m·s.

Desde las 0043, se emite un especial sobre el DÌa de la LiberaciÛn del Sur y ReunificaciÛn con una reseÒa histÛrica, junto a saludos

internacionales especialmente de Cuba entre otros. Desde las 0049, se emite el segmento: ìVida Socialî acerca de los trasplantes transnacionales. A las 0055, se emite una canciÛn interpretada por el coro de la Voz de Vietnam. SINPO: 55555 (Claudio Galaz, RX: Tecsun PL-660; Ant: Hilo de 40 metros de largo; QTH: Barraza Bajo, IV RegiÛn, Chile, condiglista yg via DXLD)

UNIDENTIFIED. 6110, May 2 at 0627, carrier cutting on every 6 seconds, S9+10, as audible with BFO; similar situation to 9610 earlier. What`s going on? Only Tibet and Ethiopia scheduled at this hour, neither likely to propagate here (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

UNIDENTIFIED. 9410-USB + carrier, from 1238-1321 and still on at 1402+, on May 7. In Chinese; monologue
1238-1249; 1249+ non-stop easy-listening music and some traditional Chinese music/singing, still going at 1402+.

With the A18 schedule, have not heard CNR5 here at all, plus today's format would not be them; Fu Hsing BS (Taiwan) is sometimes here, but not past scheduled 1300* and not in USB + carrier. So who? Appreciate any help with this! My audio of three minutes of monologue and one minute of music at
http://goo.gl/DWTtYz
Needs more monitoring

9410-USB + carrier, which I reported hearing yesterday, was not on the air today (1206+ on May 8). Yesterday a one day only test of some type? (Ron Howard, Asilomar State Beach, CA, EtÛn E1, antenna: 100' long wire, WOR iog via WORLD OF RADIO 1929, DXLD)

NOTHING heard on 9410 kHz today, checked it twice in 12-14z time range. Not in Moscow, Qatar, Delhi, nor in Hiroshima Japan. 73 (wolfy, May 8, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

UNIDENTIFIED. 9610, May 1 at 2340, beeps every 3 seconds, i.e. audible with BFO, carrier cutting on and off. Only thing scheduled in Aoki/NDXC is CNR8 in Mongolian, surely not this. Possibly related to pulse jamming spread 9613-9622 approx., possibly spurious out of 9565 pileup vs Radio MartÌ? (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

UNIDENTIFIED. 11981.024, May 2 at 1233, strong RTTY, no doubt the same as the open carrier heard yesterday on 11981.022 at 1351-1357+. Today on 11980.0 is only a JBA carrier, which would be CRI English via Kunming. RTTY INTRUDER still going at 1345. Can someone read and ID it? No significant hits in the UDXF iog.

11981+, May 3 at 2134, RTTY INTRUDER is still here. This time I seek ID help in the ITU`s quarterly monitoring log, altho concluded Mar 31:

https://www.itu.int/en/ITU-R/terrestrial/monitoring/RegMon/PDFfiles/357.PDF
The 121 pdf pages take forever to load --- finally gets to page 85 with 11980 entries, all A3E, and nothing on 11981 of any mode. No F1B on 12015, but they did notice 12120, unID labeled SECURE (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

UNIDENTIFIED. OTHR, 13800-13820 kHz, S=9+10dB in Middle East, at 1520 UT on May 1 (Wolfgang B¸schel, df5sx, wwdxc BC-DX TopNews May 1, BC-DX 8 May via DXLD)

UNIDENTIFIED. UNID on 15700 ---
1 Files 173KB MP3 UNID station 15700 kHz May 4 2018 1625 UTC.mp3

Good day, This week I have been chasing Radio Free Asia via Lampertheim, Germany at 1600 UT. On May 1st, 2nd and 4th at 1600 UT I have been hearing another station with presumed Russian and some English translations. I checked Kiwi SDRs around the planet and beside the Moman site, the only other site that I heard this unID was in Izhevsk and near Moscow Russia. I have attached a short audio clip. Anyone have any ideas who this might be. Lost to Radio Free Asia today, May by 1640 UT. 73 (Mick Delmage, AB, May 4, WOR iog via DXLD)

Sounds Uighur to me. 73, (Jari Savolainen, Finland, ibid.)

http://rmsweb.ibb.org.in/RMS_Data/Sounds/2018_05_05/UYGH/RFA/MCLO/1805051602@MCLO15700RFAUYGH.MP4
http://rmsweb.ibb.org.in/RMS_Data/Sounds/2018_05_05/UYGH/RFA/MCLO/1805051632@MCLO15700RFAUYGH.MP4

and a 4th frequency 9355 kHz in Uighur now in use
 9355 Dushanbe TJK, RFA UYGH
15700 (LAM) RFA UYGH
11670 (BIB) RFA UYGH
 9480 (KWT) RFA UYGH

http://rmsweb.ibb.org.in/RMS_Data/Sounds/2018_05_05/UYGH/RFA/MCLO/1805051603@MCLO_9355RFAUYGH.MP4

You have to cross check the usual China CNR1 jamming program on 15700 kHz, compared to

CNR1 Live Radio SW 2025-1805

11925 725 2025-2330, 0900-1805(=17580)
11710 572 2025-0030, 1000-1805(=17605)
 9860 572 2025-2300, 1200-1805(=12045)
 9845 572 2025-2400, 1200-1805(=17550)
 9830 572 2025-0100, 0730-1805

9810 954 2025-2300, 1300-1805(=13610)
9710 723 2025-2330, 1100-1805(=11720)
9500 723 2025-1805
7365 723 1200-1805(=7215)
7345 572 2025-2400, 1100-1805(=7345)
7305 723 2025-2200, 1000-1805(=11750)
7290 572 2025-2300, 1100-1805(=17890)
7275 572 2025-2300, 1100-1805 (=15380)
7230 594 2025-1805
6175 572 2025-2400, 0900-1805(=11960)
6125 723 2025-2300, 1100-1805(=17595)
6125 572 2025-2300, 1000-1805(=9675)
6080 916 2025-2400, 1100-1805(=9630)
6030 572 2025-1805
6000 572 2025-2330, 1100-1805(=9645)
5945 572 2025-2200, 1300-1805(=15480)

Good day, I managed to hear a Kiwi in Russia today at 1615 and the programming was not the same as what I was hearing via a German Kiwi at the same time. The station that I was hearing via Russian Kiwi at Izhevsk disappeared around 1620 UT when I was monitoring a Kiwi in Germany. The short clip is at 1615 via Izhevsk on 15700 kHz. The mystery continues. By the way, 15700 kHz here in Alberta today is totally jammed. 73 (Mick Delmage, AB, May 5, via B¸schel, ibid.)

Compare RFA 15700 program content to
2018-05-04 16:01:56 capture: AM 15700 (LAM) RFA UYGH
2018-05-04 16:02:20 capture: AM 11670 (BIB) RFA UYGH
2018-05-04 16:02:44 capture: AM 9480 (KWT) RFA UYGH

best sounds heard via RMS monitoring
RMS Site: MCLO
Location: McLeod Ganj, India

http://ibbmonitor.appspot.com/
http://rmsweb.ibb.org.in/RMS_Data/Sounds/2018_05_04/UYGH/RFA/MCLO/

11670
http://rmsweb.ibb.org.in/RMS_Data/Sounds/2018_05_04/UYGH/RFA/MCLO/
1805041602@MCLO11670RFAUYGH.MP4

9480, hear metallic China jamming too
http://rmsweb.ibb.org.in/RMS_Data/Sounds/2018_05_04/UYGH/RFA/MCLO/
1805041602@MCLO_9480RFAUYGH.MP4

15700
rather local electric noise on monitoring rx unit, 1601z
http://rmsweb.ibb.org.in/RMS_Data/Sounds/2018_05_04/UYGH/RFA/MCLO/

1805041601@MCLO15700RFAUYGH.MP4

little better at 1631z
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and in New Delhi:
http://rmsweb.ibb.org.in/RMS_Data/Sounds/2018_05_04/UYGH/RFA/
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and life of learning thru this medium. I pound so many Jeopardy questions! (Chris Campbell, Columbus, Ohio, May 4, Sent from Yahoo Mail on Android, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

PUBLICATIONS
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Linx to many versions of A-18 schedules:
http://www.worldofradio.com

DX/SWL/Media Programs updated May 4:
http:///www.worldofradio.com/dxpgms.html

World of Radio schedules updated May 4:
http://www.worldofradio.com/radioskd.html
73, (Glenn Hauser, WORLD OF RADIO 1929)

USEFUL WEBSITES [not including http://www.worldofradio.com]

CIDX member and YouTuber on his OfficialSWLChannel, Gilles Letourneau, of Montreal, Quebec is now periodically co-hosting on CKUTís International Radio Report program on CKUT-FM 90.3 in Montreal with Sheldon Harvey and David Asselin. For the May 6th broadcast he prepared this helpful list of websites that provide helpful and interesting information for shortwave listeners, at all levels of expertise. So we thought weíd share this list in the column.

Interesting and useful websites for the radio enthusiast
Compiled by Gilles Letourneau - May 3rd 2018

Swling.com - Your guide to shortwave radio listening, news and shortwave radio reviews
www.swling.com
This is one of the ìmust go toî websites. It has everything for the novice shortwave listener with answers to many questions, radio reviews, recordings, interesting articles of all kinds related to the radio hobby with many new articles posted regularly.

EIBI SPACE Database
www.eibispace.de
Want to know whatís on at a specific time of day? Here you can search by time, know whatís on the air in any language, to any region around the world on shortwave. There are even some listings of utility signals. You can also look at the frequency list and search for what you are listening to on a specific frequency and time. Many other websites actually use this list for their own sites.

Shortwave.info

www.short-wave.info
If you donít like lists, this one has a more user friendly interface. It allows you you to do a search by time, frequency or to see what broadcast is on the air right now. It also has a map where you can see the transmitter location and where the signal is heading to, or the target area. The map also displays the gray-line path to help you determine which transmissions you might be able to pick up in your region.

Prime Time Shortwave
www.primetimeshortwave.com
Are you only interested in English language broadcast schedules on shortwave? This is the place to go, providing listings by time, by target area or by country. It also provides links to shortwave broadcastersí websites.

HF Underground
www.hfunderground.com
Want to know what pirate stations you might hear? You can also participate by registering for free which allows you to post you own logs of pirate radio stations. Itís a great place if you love pirate radio stations, not just North American based stations, but elsewhere in the world as well.

Priyom.org
www.priyom.org
This is a great website for anyone who wants to listen to those mysterious number stations that we find on shortwave. It has a list of all stations by time and even tons of recordings of present and long gone number stations. It also points to many resources for more information on the subject

Space Weather
www.spaceweather.com
This site provides simple explanations for solar activity. Since there is a direct correlation between shortwave radio and our sun and the geomagnetic field, this is a good website for simple down to earth explanations of whatís happening

YouTube
www.youtube.com
Donít forget to search on YouTube for radio related videos. There are tons of them out there, from ìhow toî videos , radio reviews, old broadcasts from the past. Youíll spend many hours sifting through all of the radio related videos here!

Software Define Radios
www.sdr.hu

Listen to dozens of online radio receivers from around the world that can you can use to tune in on the shortwave radio bands. These receivers are useful for DXing signals that canít be heard at your home location, but theyíre fun to just listen in on. This site is great for anyone that does not have a shortwave radio
(May CIDX Messenger via DXLD)

DX-PEDITIONS
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COOK ISLANDS ULTRALIGHT DXPEDITION-- PACIFIC ISLAND RESULTS & MP3'S

Chasing DX from the center of Polynesia was an ideal chance to track down exotic DU island stations that rarely, if ever, show up on the west coast of North America. From my location on the Aitutaki lagoon beach (in the Cook Island group, 2600 miles due south of Hawaii) obscure stations like 630-Cook Islands and 990-Fiji Gold were pounding in at S9 levels every evening, while other exotic island stations were the strongest ones on the MW band. Phenomenal ocean beach propagation was routine -- except that the North American pest stations (that TP-DXers love to hate) never managed even a whimper.

Close-in DU propagation was so favorable that only the 7.5 inch loopstick CC Skywave SSB Ultralight was necessary to track down most of these exotic stations at S9 levels, and make all the MP3 recordings linked below. The vacation was also an ideal chance to investigate and record what is possibly the most obscure MW-DX station still transmitting in the Pacific -- 630-Radio Cook Islands, with an underperforming 2.5 kW transmitter in Rarotonga. Overall the entire experience was a real thrill for a west coast DXer who rarely hears these stations, let alone at such powerful levels.

540 2AP Apia, Samoa, 5 kW Located only 866 miles (1,394 km) from my DXing site, this was always an S9 powerhouse every evening. Samoan island music was common, along with male and female Samoan speech. The station does have some issues with the transmitted signal cutting out, an intermittent microphone and (occasionally) the announcer allowing 30 seconds of dead time after a song, as in the third MP3 below.

Male Samoan speech, background music and advertisement at 0718 on 4-9
https://dreamcrafts.box.com/s/vfsisz3n9gx6869eejbh116y3dwnrn20

Samoan news (with mentions of Samoa at the 1 second and 9 second points) at 0702 on 4-9
https://dreamcrafts.box.com/s/3y9puecegkb6ikgppv9s8coxgq23ifam

Beautiful Samoan island music at 0716 on 4-9, followed by 28 seconds of dead time. When programming resumes with an advertisement the

transmitter (or microphone) cuts out twice within 30 seconds, with the microphone apparently having an intermittent low output issue
https://dreamcrafts.box.com/s/akv3p4ds5rnz0kcta1k4rixnht5c3hqf

558 Radio Fiji One Suva, Fiji, 5 kW Both this native language station and its English-oriented sister station on 990 were solid powerhouses each evening, as well as during sunrise enhancement sessions. S9 signals were the norm, and a wide variety of local island music was the usual format.

Typical Fiji island music on the station's overnight program at 1605 on 4-9
https://dreamcrafts.box.com/s/iui5tnz71kfie3mtznaiey0taowcf0b3

Island music and the usual ID, "Radio Fiji One, Na Domoiviti" at the 24 second point of this recording at 1622 on 4-10
https://dreamcrafts.box.com/s/iui5tnz71kfie3mtznaiey0taowcf0b3

Apparent storm coverage of Tropical Cyclone Keni at 0718 on 4-9; the cyclone caused extensive damage on Fiji
https://dreamcrafts.box.com/s/hj0vi3yc9zut8pll2vs8kgtyc6cu6i81

621 Radio Tuvalu Funafuti, Tuvalu, 5 kW Usually very strong but occasionally pestered by 3RN QRM, this exotic island station typically hit an S9 level about an hour after local sunset. A lot of island music is played by the usual female announcer, featured in this recording in her native language at 0720 on 4-12
https://dreamcrafts.box.com/s/ht4fhwj9htzcrtmuby6930664yc9uj56

630 Radio Cook Islands Rarotonga, Cook islands, 2.5 kW Located 164 miles (264 km) south of my DXing site, it was pretty obvious why this obscure station is so tough for distant DXers to track down. After sunset it had multiple strong co-channels on the frequency (RNZ and ABC), and even just after its sign on at 1556 the 5+1 pips from RNZ were clearly audible at 1600. The station has multiple issues, with a disastrous live microphone, audio amplitude varying widely between different programs, noticeable audio hum on the signal, etc. It signs on at 1556 and signs off at 0958, unless there is a weather emergency in the area (as there was with tropical cyclone Keni on April 9), in which case it switches to an RNZ satellite feed overnight until sign on at 1556 (thanks to Bryan Clark for ID of the station). The station is obviously a low budget operation, with no special sign on or sign off message, automated time mentions, and (typically) strings of recorded island music with no live announcer. The only live announcers I heard during the week were during a Sunday morning recorded church service on April 8, and just after sign on (with the dreadful microphone) on April 12th.

Here is the full sign on routine at 1556 UT on April 12, with the horns, apparent national anthem, English ID, drums, and finally the live female announcer with the dreadful microphone (cutting off almost all the high frequencies, resulting in legendary poor audio). The weakness of the signal at 1600 allows the 5+1 time pips from RNZ to be clearly heard at the 4:30 point in the recording
https://dreamcrafts.box.com/s/xqonh9iz57w22ebzxwz42krugu3rvykx

This recording of a church service at 1724 on April 8 was the only one I made on Rarotonga, the site of the transmitter. It features a live male announcer at 1:10 into the recording with an English "It's 7:25, that's your time with your National Voice" ID. At 1:44 into the recording one of the station's major issues is on full display-- the sudden amplitude increase of the transmitted audio
https://dreamcrafts.box.com/s/rfe2u3m3px4xmossujtxilzw8vlk3jtg

During most hours of the day the station runs a fully automated operation, with strings of recorded island music interspersed with recorded male-voiced station ID's and female-voiced time checks, as at 0706 on 4-9
https://dreamcrafts.box.com/s/oegfjznhbgw0evy9xuzqbu428xd31l4y

There is no special sign off message at 0958 (2358 local time), when the power is cut. There is a recorded station ID and time check at 0957, though, as in this recording at 0956 on April 9th. The weakness of the station around local midnight can be heard, with a strong co-channel pestering the signal before the unceremonious switch to the RNZ satellite feed at 0959, This was due to the tropical cyclone Keni weather emergency in the South Pacific area on April 9th; on normal days the transmitter power is simply cut off at 0958 (2358 local time), with no warning or fanfare
https://dreamcrafts.box.com/s/bqwt5lm0ezhdyqayqkfjj8j8fbirysar

846 Radio Kiribati Christmas Island, Kiribati, 10 kW Not quite as strong on Aitutaki as it was in Kona, Hawaii last December, this station was one of the first to fade in at sunset, but was pestered by ANZ co-channels later in the evening. It has apparently corrected the transmitter cutout issues noticed last December, and features an open carrier overnight after sign off around 1006. The time delay with its 1440 parallel wasn't checked during this trip (mainly because both of these Kiribati stations had trouble holding their frequencies), but in December it was very unpredictable. Since the 846 transmitter apparently doesn't sign on until it gets the programming from 1440 in Tarawa (significantly to the west), 846-Kiribati was silent during my sunrise DXing sessions in the Cooks from 1600-1700, although the semi-local 630-RCI (at approximately the same longitude) signs on at 1556.

The best time to receive the station was around local sunset, before

the ANZ co-channels showed up. Here it was at 0650 on 4-9, playing some American country music (a format which seems very common on the playlist)
https://dreamcrafts.box.com/s/e965m3zcy13t3auije44zn344x5q8fw9

Later on in the evening it was pestered by multiple ANZ co-channels, as demonstrated when the loopstick bearing is shifted at the 16 second point in this recording at 0834 on 4-10
https://dreamcrafts.box.com/s/f6kd11wrj2lunrcjzlss1nnnr9i8v39m

900 Radio Fiji Two (Fiji Gold) Suva, Fiji, 10 kW The English-language sister station to the native language 558-RF1, this interesting station plays classic pop hits, and is a favorite with expats and NZ listeners alike. Very tough to receive on the west coast because of its "domestic" frequency and the 5 kW Hawaii co-channel KIKI, its signal had no trouble pounding in to the Cooks at an S9 level each evening, although the 1 kW Kiwi co-channel TAB Trackside did attempt to make it somewhat of a horse race at times. Because of Tropical Cyclone Keni there was extensive weather coverage on the station during my visit, which is reflected in all of the MP3's linked below.

Oldies music and tropical cyclone weather update at 0712 on 4-10, after the storm had just passed trough the center of Fijian waters
https://dreamcrafts.box.com/s/b5may3rbr5kuuwbus18lr4hala57x1vb

Oldies music, local advertisements and Fiji news at 0700 on 4-12, including the President's warning against corruption in repair construction contracts after the tropical cyclone
https://dreamcrafts.box.com/s/rs70dcbhco94arepnnv6othl3b5z27hw

Long version of the first MP3, as co-channel TAB Trackside (1 kW in Nelson, NZ) tries to make it a horse race with Fiji Gold at 0710 on 4-10, but folds in the clutch to Melissa Etheridge
https://dreamcrafts.box.com/s/devsen4lrp2pul0m92m0r638yb6yj79i

1017 A3Z (Tonga B.C.) Nuku'alofa, Tonga, 10 kW Much stronger in the Cooks than in Hawaii, this station was only 1,014 miles (1,632 km) from my DXing site on Aitutaki. Coverage of Tropical Cyclone Keni dominated the programming, which featured both English and native language updates on the storm. Despite the station's S9 strength it was easily nulled out with the Ultralight's loopstick, bringing in the 2.5 kW Radio Sport co-channel in Christchurch (as demonstrated at 1:23 into the first video linked below).

In a Tropical cyclone update in English and Tongan languages at 0712 on 4-9, Radio Tonga is nulled out by the Ultralight's loopstick at various points, bringing in the Kiwi co-channel Radio Sport (2.5 kW)

at an equal S9 level around the 4 minute point
https://dreamcrafts.box.com/s/h4hbmh1ro3xydm0h6g4tlfkwxfqp3mjd

Tongan island music at S9 level at 1607 on 4-11, but with Yankee-accented Radio Sport (relaying Fox Sports Network) and another DU English co-channel (2KY?)
https://dreamcrafts.box.com/s/3771cas3q9mdqvsn8phy2c96esghlchi

1098 V7AB (Radio Marshalls) Majuro, Marshall Islands, 25 kW Not nearly as strong as in Hawaii, this was another island station easily nulled out with the Ultralight's loopstick to bring in an S9 Kiwi co-channel (Newstalk ZB). It was strongest prior to sunset in NZ, but couldn't hold the frequency after that unless the Kiwi station was nulled out (as demonstrated in the MP3 linked below).

Radio Marshalls and Newstalk ZB fight it out at 0724 on 4-9, with the island station holding the frequency as long as the loopstick favors it (and getting plastered otherwise)
https://dreamcrafts.box.com/s/32p2a8stc0ci9m1f7cyrmxfkkpa9rhk8

Radio Marshalls plays some beautiful music, which made for enjoyable listening as long as Newstalk ZB was nulled out (as at 0746 on 4-10)
https://dreamcrafts.box.com/s/3f589i8odtcu98ky45agyz4gqex29qzg

1440 Radio Kiribati Bairiki, Tarawa, 10 kW Reasonably strong on most nights in the Cooks, although occasionally (and amazingly) troubled by the flea-powered (200w) Kiwi co-channel Te Reo O Tauranga Moana. Having a variable-delay parallel arrangement with its 846 kHz sister station on Christmas Island, all of the programming originates from this station. The music format features a lot of Kiribati island tunes, along with a surprising amount of American country music.

Radio Kiribati with the usual female and male announcers at typical strength at 0708 on 4-9
https://dreamcrafts.box.com/s/bwsm9wdte9qap0anqw3wt8rgtsg9d9j0

One of the distinctive ways to identify the station is the 4-bong time signal on the half hour, as at the 13 second point in this recording at 0730 on 4-10 (with the male announcer)
https://dreamcrafts.box.com/s/0jdxn3mm3v1da9a659nvyvd47ek7qryo

The usual female announcer has a strong signal until around 51 seconds into this recording at 0805 on 4-11, when the 200w Kiwi co-channel Te Reo O Tauranga Moana provides some serious competition in Maori (thanks to Theo for language identification)
https://dreamcrafts.box.com/s/f9m9z6aqpacsolti5l3eevgsq72dnabo

All receptions made on the 7.5" loopstick C.Crane Skywave SSB

Ultralight
https://dreamcrafts.box.com/s/oephl2ru7ejk31saxdq2tijqx9db0ros
73 and Good DX, (Gary DeBock (DXing in Aitutaki, Cook Islands from April 8-13, 2018), IRCA at HCDX via DXLD)

COOK ISLAND DXPEDITION -- NORTH AMERICAN DX & MP3'S

Aitutaki Island in the Cook group is 2,600 miles (4,184 km) due south of Hawaii, and the closest point on the USA mainland is 4,550 miles (7,323 km) away. There was a straight ocean path to both of these areas from my DXing spot on the lagoon beach, resulting in several strong transoceanic signals across the Pacific.

Because of various tourist activities scheduled by my wife around sunset and a lingering mindset that North American signals weren't exactly top priority DX to chase, no deliberate effort was made to go after these stations while in the Cook Islands. Despite this 7 USA mainland stations and 2 Hawaiian ones crashed the Kiwi sunset skip DXing sessions about 2 hours after sunset, wiping out the adjacent 9 kHz-split frequencies that I was trying to receive. The most distant of these was 1170-KFAQ in Tulsa, Oklahoma, at 5,642 miles (9,080 km). All were received on the 7.5" loopstick CC Skywave Ultralight alone, which provided good reception of these stations because the reciprocal bearing of New Zealand was ideally directed at North America on the 7.5" loopstick -- so that the DX from both directions was received at optimal strength concurrently.

No doubt many more of these North American stations could have been received if a deliberate effort had been made to go after them, especially around sunset if the 5 inch "Frequent Flyer" FSL antenna had been set up to provide a gain boost (as it was for long range Asian DX, at sunrise). Strangely enough, none of the usual TP-DXing pests in Vancouver, Seattle, Portland or San Francisco made this Cook Island North American DX list (although to be honest, I really didn't miss them at all!).

610 KEAR San Francisco, California (5 kW at 4,610 miles/ 7,419 km)
"Family Radio for the West Coast," Christian religious format received at fair level at 0835 UTC on 4-12
https://dreamcrafts.box.com/s/jq81e11f3tq5o4slbe6ytsv477ffwg36

640 KFI Los Angeles, California (50 kW at 4,570 miles/ 7,355 km)
Strong (S9) level with commercial ads at 0633 UTC on 4-12
https://dreamcrafts.box.com/s/vxrj7014eqhrbok88pw8a3e1y32qerka

1070 KNX Los Angeles, California (50 kW at 4.570 miles/ 7,355 km)
Powerful (S7) level with "1070 Newsradio" ID at 3 seconds, followed by national news at 0730 UTC on 4-10

https://dreamcrafts.box.com/s/81cy1nzyzr4dokk489sdgh34is3lp4ww

1160 KSL Salt Lake City, Utah (50 kw at 5,144 miles/ 8,278 km)
Powerful (S7) level with weather and station ID at 33 seconds, followed by public service ads at 0901 UTC on 4-12
https://dreamcrafts.box.com/s/4ymewhcz6x28hikjtcd77y99e85ji2u4

1170 KFAQ Tulsa, Oklahoma (50 kW at 5,642 miles/ 9,080 km)
Strong signal over apparent DU English co-channel with "Coast-to-Coast" ID at 44 seconds; thanks to Richard Allen for confirming the broadcast of the program on the station at 0845 UTC on 4-12
https://dreamcrafts.box.com/s/u5gtxk6l5qggu2xuf2q09thdnj44sfo8

1430 KMRB San Gabriel, California (9.8 kW at 4,577 miles/ 7,366 km)
Cantonese Chinese format at S7 level with commercial ads at 0830 UTC on 4-12
https://dreamcrafts.box.com/s/au8ru485mfr57cvspeo0qp4zjvq5pekg

1640 KDIA Vallejo, California (10 kW at 4,633 miles/ 7,456 km)
"1640-KDIA" ID at 6 seconds with Christian religious format at S5 level at 0807 UTC on 4-10
https://dreamcrafts.box.com/s/k3a631palnk7ntv4xsgrjnv8bciio611

HAWAIIAN STATIONS

As with North American DX, these stations were not exactly high priority DX in the Cook Islands, and no special effort was made to go after them. After two Kona, Hawaii DXpeditions in 2017, there was a lingering memory of too many Hawaiian MW stations running too much power in too few small, congested communities.

590 KSSK Honolulu, Oahu (7.5 kW at 2,781 miles/ 4,476 km)
"Variety, 92.3, KSSK" ID at 2 seconds, followed by pop music at 0701 UTC on 4-10
https://dreamcrafts.box.com/s/1j20fcstcfhnoon4cq46kctber04ztzt

1420 KKEA Honolulu, Oahu (5 kW at 2,781 miles/ 4,476 km) ESPN sports format at strong level at 0715 UTC on 4-11
https://dreamcrafts.box.com/s/dz0s8yxdf9l7cttwuaeewanqlwm5c71q

7.5 inch loopstick C.Crane Skywave SSB Ultralight
https://dreamcrafts.box.com/s/oephl2ru7ejk31saxdq2tijqx9db0ros
73 and Good DX, (Gary DeBock (DXing at Aitutaki, Cook Islands from April 8-13), nrc-am gg via DXLD) see also COOK ISLANDS

DIGITAL BROADCASTING --- DTV See MEXICO; OKLAHOMA; USA: WKAR
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DIGITAL BROADCASTING --- DRM See also FRANCE; KUWAIT; ROMANIA; UAE; UK
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DRM SW TRANSMISSIONS IN ENGLISH

Ken Zichi: I thought you'd appreciate getting the 'summary' of what is left in English in DRM mode. I wonder if there are others?

* means it has actually been reported as 'in use' this season. Sofia apparently has the ABILITY to do DRM but isn't doing it now. There are other languages in use too, but I omitted those.

** means I've heard it here in MI and actually gotten it to decode at some point in the last six months or so.

STRT	STOP	FREQ	LOC	POWR	AZI	DAYS	ADM	BRC	FMO	NOTES
0300	0357	9740*	GAL	300	100	1234567	ROU	RRO	ROU	
0459	0600	3955**	WOF	100	114	1234567	G	BAB	EUR	
0500	0800	11970*	KBD	250	100	1234567	KWT	RKW	MOI	MOI
0530	0557	7330*	TIG	300	307	1234567	ROU	RRO	ROU	
0530	0557	17760*	GAL	300	100	1234567	ROU	RRO	ROU	
0530	0557	21500*	TIG	300	97	1234567	ROU	RRO	ROU	
0759	0900	15620*	SNG	100	315	1234567	SNG	BBC	BAB	ASI
0800	1100	11700	SOF	50	305	1234567	BUL	NEW	SPC	BUL
0900	1300	15515	SOF	50	306	1234567	NEW	SPC	BUL	
1100	1130	9760*	WOF	100	105	6	NHK	BAB		
1600	1800	15120	NIG	250	7	irr	NIG	VON	VON	
1630	2359	6000	SOF	25	0	1234567	BUL	NEW	SPC	LOCAL
1651	1749	6115*	RAN	50	35	123456	NZL	RNZ	RNZ	NZL
1700	1757	9760	TIG	90	307	1234567	ROU	RRO	ROU	
1751	1850	7285*	RAN	50	35	12345 7	NZL	RNZ	RNZ	NZL
1800	2000	15120**	ABJ	250	007	1234567	NIG	VON	VON	
1800	2100	15540**	KBD	250	310	1234567	KWT	RKW	MOI	MOI
1851	1950	9760*	RAN	50	35	123456	NZL	RNZ	RNZ	NZL
1950	2050	11690*	RAN	50	35	123456	NZL	RNZ	RNZ	NZL
2030	2057	9535*	GAL	300	300	1234567	ROU	RRO	ROU	

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RADIO EQUIPMENT FORUM
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EDISON EXPLORES PREFERENCES AND HABITS OF ìHEAVY RADIO USERSî

A new report compares demographics and choices of radioís most devoted cohort --- By Emily M. Reigart for Radio World - May 1, 2018
[apparently about USA only]

Frequent radio listeners are different from their counterparts with less affinity for the medium. According to new findings from Edison Research, they tend to be older and more male ó and more likely to adopt new technologies like smart speakers.

The folks at Edison have rolled out an Infinite Dial Report centered on listeners it considers to be ìheavy radio usersî ó defined as those ìwho said they had listened for more than one hour in the day before [Edison] called them.î According to Edison, 30% of Americans aged 12 years and older qualify as heavy radio users.

However, it is important to note that the definition of ìradioî was left up to respondents ó meaning there is not necessarily a distinction between over the air radio, online radio and other forms of streaming audio.

Some basics about the demographics of heavy radio users:
? Men are 8% more likely to be heavy listeners than their share of the population
? Heavy listeners skew older
? Radio listening tracks with full-time employment
? African-Americans and Hispanics are slightly more likely to be heavy radio consumers
? Heavy radio listeners are well-educated, especially among those with four-year degrees
? Heavy listeners tend to have somewhat higher incomes

Heavy radio listeners also stand out from the general population in terms of technology ownership and utilization.

Interestingly, in-home radio ownership is not a requirement to be a heavy radio user; 18% donít have one. In general, 71% of Americans do have radio, averaging out to 1.6 radios per home. But the numbers donít look nearly as promising for those aged 18-34 ó 40% those in this demographic donít have a radio at home.

However, 20% of heavy radio users own a smart speaker, and the majority of smart speaker owners also said they own a radio. Heavy radio users are also slightly more likely to have an Amazon Alexa or Google Home at 20%, compared to 18% of the general population. Also, heavy radio users with one of these devices are more likely to have more than one.

About one-in-five heavy radio users does not have a smartphone ó the same percentage of ownership as the general population ó but the majority of those who do own one use its voice assistant. Among the 82% of heavy listeners with smartphones, 40% have downloaded Pandora, making it the most popular audio app for this segment. One-quarter

have downloaded Spotify, while one-fifth have added an app belonging to a radio station, and the iHeartRadio app is present on 13% of these devices.

Unsurprisingly, heavy radio listeners are more likely to listen to AM/FM radio in their vehicles ó but they are also likely to listen to online radio and satellite radio. About two-thirds of these respondents indicated that OTA radio is their primary audio source in the car, which is eight percentage points higher than for the total population of drivers/riders. Also, 49% of these heavy radio consumers said they have connected their phones in the car to stream audio, while 44% of smartphone owners in general have done so.

The majority of heavy radio users also say they listen to online audio. In the week prior to the survey, one-third said they used Pandora; on in five streamed a broadcast radio station; 17% listened to a podcast.

Edison has tracked online radio listening for nearly two decades, asking about habits in the prior month. In 2000, the answer came to 2000, and in 2018 it is now 64%. Among heavy radio listeners, the most recent figure is even higher at 69% said they did so during the past month.

In terms of online audio platforms, heavy radio listeners are more 5% likely to have listened to Pandora and iHeartRadio ó which position themselves around the idea of radio ó than other respondents, but are no less likely to have used Spotify, Apple, Amazon or Google to stream. Also, heavy radio listeners are about as likely to listen to music on YouTube in a typical week.

When the window is narrowed to the prior week, 63% of heavy radio users said they listened to online audio, compared to 57% of the population at large.

Podcast listening over a monthly period is basically equivalent among heavy radio users and others, slightly higher among those listening to radio more often. But weekly listening is 17% for both types of users! Regarding social media: Facebook is the primary social media platform used by heavy listeners at 64%, and only 20% of that group use Twitter (via May CIDX Messenger via DXLD)

WOLFY DXING ONLY VIA REMOTES NOW

I've given up real DXing via antenna now during my retired time phase since LOCAL NOISE on air in Germany increased heavily in 1997 year.

All RX units selled away now - or given to DXers in ex communist

countries in rural areas in east European countries and Russia, as presents

``Checked on remote SDR unit on Thai-Cambodian border in South East Asia ...`` but only 6 months accessible (end of October - May 1st). The Perseus SDR Owner there flew back to Germany yesterday, access break till end of October now, unfortunately a gap for any local MMR/THA/VTN/LAO/CBG research (Wolfgang B¸schel, May 2, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

RE: IS THIS WHAT FM TRANSLATORS ARE COMING TO?

I'm still confused about the economics of all this. If indeed the "AM is dying" and not making money, how does putting the SAME programming on FM change that? If the programming were worth listening to and the techs took care to make the AM sound as good as it can (and AM can sound PLENTY good!) why would it die but be 'saved' by running the SAME thing on FM?

Methinks there is a bit of the 'that is old so it must be bad' going on. Well, dagnabbit, I'M OLD TOO ;)

Everyone seems to be dancing around the 'noise floor' issue without saying it directly. IF there is a problem with AM it is that the FCC 'type approved' so many noisemakers like switching power supplies and the like under industry pressure to let them 'control costs' (code for 'make more money than they deserve') and threw AM under the bus, so to speak. Moving AM stations to FM doesn't address the problem it just side-steps it. And it creates a whole NEW set of problems with overcrowding. But I'm preaching to the choir aren't I? (KV Zichi, WTFDA gg via DXLD)

Ultimately, from an economics standpoint, the younger generation does not have the same tolerance for AM radio's sound and lack of fidelity compared to FM. Our generation can get whatever we want, whenever we want, on mobile devices or a computer. Why listen to the same thing at reduced fidelity with lots of noise?

It's FM radio's challenge too. How are we offering something different? That's why we have gone back to being so personality radio driven. It's just an adjustment to the marketplace (Adam Rivers, ibid.)

Or also to the point, most people under a certain age barely even know what AM is. But there's probably another age under which they don't know what FM is either! (Russ Edmunds, Blue Bell, PA, Grid FN20id, ibid.)

I'm 29. For most of my life, AM has been functionally worthless. Where I grew up, AM radio consisted of WSVS 800 which aired country, a weak WFLO 870 which aired country, a loud buzz on 980 that should have been WMEK from Chase City, and other barely-audible signals above those. FM, of course, was flooded with country that sounded much better than those stations did. (To top it all off, I don't like country.)

Even daytime signals that should have made it couldn't defeat the local noise floor, and at night, you could get three dozen copies of the same conservative talk show from different far away cities and little else that wasn't swimming in interference. I tried listening to WPTF from Raleigh in the car once during some breaking news that I wanted to hear about, and it was a real struggle between noise when power lines went overhead and fading that I couldn't really explain.

I am too young to remember AM as it used to be. Based on my experiences with it, I would never choose it over FM (- Trip Ericson, www.rabbitears.info ibid.)

And, to get back to one of the original comments, for most small local AM's, if it's even possible to dramatically improve the signal quality from a technical standpoint, it probably wouldn't be financially. There are multiple culprits here, and over a long time period (Russ Edmunds, Blue Bell, PA, Grid FN20id, ibid.)

I will add that the 250 watters do seem to cover a decent area. I also like that Iíve heard a few formats that are otherwise missing in most markets. I couldnít be less happy about what the LPís and HD has done to my ìat home DXingî but for my dial skans done with an SDR it actually makes for a lot more fun in most markets. It is what it is. Make lemonade! (Bill, CT, ibid.)

1030 WBZ RECEPTION IN ICELAND, OTHER REMOTE SDR STUFF

With my antenna feedlines temporarily disconnected for extensive spring yard work, I decided to check out some of the many online remote receivers. Many of these can be found from links on: http://sdr.hu/?top=kiwi

Since Trans-Atlantic DX is my major interest, I wanted to see which receivers on either side of the "pond" are the serious DX machines and which are simply not worth it.

In Europe, admittedly its westernmost extremity, I came across a really good set-up in Iceland. It's identified as "0-30 MHz SDR at TF4M | Otradalur, Iceland" (http://194.144.165.206:8073).

One thing I like to do is see how US and Canadian stations make the

trip across. This is 1030 WBZ Boston heard at 0447 UT / 5 MAY 2018 on the Iceland receiver:
https://app.box.com/s/94x7jc74zvzgqswgqw1nc53c9ozfhph5

WBZ and 1130 WBBR NYC were among the strongest North American stations coming in.

The receiver at Carlow, Ireland
http://emeraldsdr.ddns.net:8073
had a bit of 850 (WEEI) in nasty 855 Spain splatter and hints of 1130 and bits of one or two out of Newfie but nowhere as good TA DX as the Iceland radio. Other European SDR's weren't showing much getting across.

Farther east in Europe is a decent machine in Sardinia, Italy at IS0KYB
http://sibamanna.duckdns.org:8073
I would consider this as a good vantage point for researching anything in the Mediterranean region, an area that often propagates well to here. This, however, is less likely a receiver on which to find US and Canadian stations: there's too much of Europe in the way.

On this side of the Atlantic, Bill Whitacre's SDR in Maine
http://qhkiwisdr.proxy.kiwisdr.com:8073/
seemed the best one last night. I don't know of anything active in PEI, NS, or NL at present.

Even on the Maine receiver the Europeans were sub-par last night with usual flamethrower 1215 Absolute UK rather wimpy. The best TA signal was 684 Spain, a station usually highly slopped by WRKO here on Cape Cod (it was even in a bit of WRKO slop in downeast Maine). Some other RNE parallels were dribbling in but 684 was definitely the boss.

Several other US-based SDR's were tried for TA DX but results were nil or near-nil. The two SDR sites in MA and the two in NH are not running antennas that null domestic interference adequately. Only one of those sites (N1BPD) is even close to being a coastal one but the antenna doesn't cut the mustard for serious MW.

One semi-competent US receiver is the one ID'ed as "Radio McRadioface, 0-30 MHz SDR, Monmouth County, New Jersey, USA"
http://jerseyshoresdr.hopto.org:8073
It had bits and pieces of 684 Spain but nothing from 1215 UK. Admittedly 684 does take a lot less slop in NJ than here in eastern MA with WRKO blasting away on 680.

With an eye more to Latin America, the "NO2CW MW/HF W6LVP loop | near Miami, FL" site

http://qth.ddns.net:8073
can be useful. Sensitivity is in the acceptable range and noise isn't too bad. No TA's on that last night but, of course, lots of Cuba, some Colombia, etc.

Of course there are SDR's in Latin America but that's a subject for another message later (Mark Connelly, WA1ION, South Yarmouth, MA, May 6, nrc-am gg via DXLD)

Back around 1970 I was in the Navy stationed at the Nato base in Keflavik, Iceland for a year and a half. My parents shipped me my Lafayette HE-30 communications receiver, which I still have, plus enough wire for an antenna. I received permission to string up a 150 foot longwire on the roof of the three story barracks.

At that time the only AM station up there was at the Nato Base on 1484 kHz probably running around 500 watts. I imagine the AM band still is wide open there, with everything being on FM. DXing there was quite unlike DXing from CT. It was almost paradise.

I still have audio clips of my Icelandic DX at this link:
http://www.wtfda.org/mikestvfmdx/hearditonam/
It also contains clips from NAVCOMMSTA Sidi Yahia, Morocco, where I was stationed for a year previous to Iceland. Over there I also had a communications receiver. I got great TA AM DX there from there also.

Even back in 1971, when I was discharged and returned to CT, I found the AM band here just too congested and it couldn't compare with what I had been used to overseas, and I just walked away from AM DXing for quite a few years (Mike Bugaj, Enfield, CT, ibid.)

I looked at my old WRTH for 1975 and it said:
AFRTS Keflavik 1484 kHz 0.250 kW. Announcing:
``At 1484 in Keflavik Iceland this is the American Forces Radio Service`` (Shawn Axelrod, ibid.)

A work friend of mine, Peter McGonagle, was in the Navy at Keflavik in the '70s and did a bit of listening with a Realistic TRF. Many European stations could be heard: UK stations were strongest. Maybe he wasn't listening late enough, in any event he didn't get any US stations.

I have never heard Iceland on MW. In Cappahayden, Newfoundland on DXpedition the crew had a couple. One was a low powered AFN outlet on 1530, in the clear at their very late winter sunrise with the rest of Europe and Africa well into daylight and co-channel domestics well "squashed" in the null off the back of the Beverage.

What's weird is that last night around the same time (~ 0445 UTC) I got on the Iceland SDR and it seemed that the antenna wasn't connected. No comparison to a day earlier. Stations that should have been smokin' loud (693 // 909 Five Live, 810 BBC Scotland, 882 BBC Wales, 1089 TalkSport, and 1215 Absolute) weren't even in. I know that aurora can turn off reception that far north like flipping a big switch but more likely the ham (TF4M) running the SDR took its antenna off so he could engage in transmitting.

On this side, the only US receiver producing TA DX was the Lubec, ME one. Instead of the previous night's 684 hugeness. it was 855 Spain leading the hit parade at about 0500 UTC. That one is often blaster-loud here too. UK remained sub-par so maybe some auroral effects. (Mark Connelly, WA1ION, South Yarmouth, MA, ibid.)

I was able to verify two medium wave Iceland stations in 1964: Hoefn-665 and Akureyre-737. That's 666 and 738 now. Both 5 kW. I was able to do this because 666 then was dominated by Lisbon, Portugal at 135 kW and 737 by 300 kW Poland and the signals below them were very clear. A letter confirmed my reception of both Iceland stations. Both stations are long gone.

I never heard the 1484 U.S. Navy station which is also gone. While visiting friends in Iceland in 1999 and 1984 the only stations heard were FM and long wave. I tried DXing the U.S. then but heard nothing from N.A. Continental Europeans were good (Ben Dangerfield, Wallingford, PA, May 8, nrc-am gg via DXLD)

Thanks, Ben, for the Iceland info. I'd imagine that success hearing these stations would be around dawn at Iceland in NOV / DEC / JAN by which time 665 (Lisboa) and 737 (Barcelona et al.) were well into daylight. That's the technique I used a few years back to find Faroes on 531 more or less in the clear with Algeria and Spain well into daylight.

In 1964, the time of your receptions, I had a Realistic TRF portable 12K90L611K or similar,
http://www.radioshackcatalogs.com/html/1963/h006.html
and a Hallicrafters S-119 Sky Buddy
https://www.universal-radio.com/catalog/commrxvr/s119.html
OK receivers but hardly "DX monsters." This was a couple of years before I got a newer TRF and modified it for regeneration to jack up gain and selectivity. At my location next to Menotomy Rocks Park (Arlington, MA: 7 miles NW of Boston), TA's came in well. DX got better by 1966 with that regeneration-modded TRF but really serious MW DX didn't get going until 1972 or so when I got an R-390A with its superb mechanical filters and nearly-crunchproof front end.

From 1966 through the mid '70s, ham radio was a bigger interest than MW DX so there are likely some goodies I missed, especially in the after midnight local listening period. For Iceland and Faroes, local sunset (typically the "primo" TA DX time) wasn't going to cut it since mainland European stations of much greater power dominated the channels of interest (Mark Connelly, WA1ION, South Yarmouth, MA ibid.)

Sunrise in Keflavik in the winter was about 10am local time. Sunset around 2pm local time. I'm almost positive it was 4 hours ahead of EST, so around 6am EST you'd have a chance. 737 sounds familiar. I'm sure I could hear them during the day, but very weak (Mike Bugaj, CT, ibid.)

That technique worked here in IL to get Faroes 531 back about 8-10 years ago at about 0800z when conditions were MUCH better to high latitudes. But honestly, Faroes was so good at times it owned the channel even early evenings. I wouldn't expect that to be the case now as 531 Algeria is basically the most common TA here (upgraded since then) and Faroes uses less power now from what I have read.

Antenna at the time was a 355 ft terminated BOG at 42 deg phased vs a // 205 ft unterm. BOG. 73 KAZ Barrington IL (Neil Kazaross, ibid.)

Thanks to Manny, Mark and Mike who have responded to my Iceland post. Mark, I can't locate my original letter as to time of reception, but it was early in the evening in Dec. 1964. In the case of 665 kc, the Lisbon station on top was coming in like a semi local and the only station heard behind was the Icelander but it was very clear while Lisbon had talk. Similar case on 737 kc tho the 350 kW Polander wasn't nearly as strong. It was in the same way that I logged Lebanon 836 in late afternoon under a strong Nancy, France a couple of years later after the frequencies had changed. Wish I still had such stamina! (Ben Dangerfield, Wallingford, PA, ibid.)

Of course, nowadays, we have SDR receivers that can be set on scheduled band captures at times no senior would want to be awake.

Even so, I find that 30 minutes before to 90 minutes after local sunset here is the most productive DX time for the vast majority of what I'm trying to log.

When you have parallel music programming, that is really easy to pick out under competing talk stations even when those are a good deal stronger. This is especially true if you are familiar with the music being played. I knocked off a bunch of parallel Romanians that way. Some (855, 1152, 1179) were competitive in strength to their Spain co-channels but others (like 909 under BBC 5 Live) were a good 10 or more dB under other stations and never could have been "sussed out" without

the familiar tune and better parallel channels.

The list of stations in northern Europe, as you know, is much smaller than it used to be so there is less incentive to listen in the 0500-0900 UT N. Euro dawn period (Mark Connelly, WA1ION, South Yarmouth, MA, ibid.)

PROPAGATION
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:Product: Weekly Highlights and Forecasts
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Weekly Highlights and Forecasts
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Highlights of Solar and Geomagnetic Activity 30 April - 06 May 2018

Solar activity was very quiet throughout the reporting period. Region 2706 (N03, L=281, class/area Dao/130 on 22 Apr) produced the strongest event of the past week, a B1 flare on 01/2115 UTC. Activity on the farside of the Sun produced a halo CME signature first observed in LASCO C2 imagery at 03/1712 UTC; however, no Earth-directed CMEs were observed in available coronagraph imagery.

No proton events were observed at geosynchronous orbit.

The greater than 2 MeV electron flux at geosynchronous orbit ranged from normal to moderate levels from 30 Apr to 05 May. Influence from a negative polarity CH HSS caused an increase to high levels on 06 May with a peak flux of 11,500 pfu observed at 06/2305 UTC.

Geomagnetic field activity was mostly quiet until 05 May, when enhancements in the solar wind from the onset of a negative polarity CH HSS increased geomagnetic activity to G1 (Minor) storm levels. A further increase to G2 (Moderate) geomagnetic storm levels were observed early on 06 May. Solar wind speeds peaked at just over 700 km/s and persisted just below 700 km/s through the end of the reporting period. Total field peaked during the CIR, with a maximum of 17 nT observed at 05/1340 UTC. The maximum southward value of Bz was -14 nT which was observed 05/1327 UTC.

FORECAST OF SOLAR AND GEOMAGNETIC ACTIVITY 07 MAY - 02 JUNE 2018

Solar activity is expected to remain at very low levels over the

next 27 days.

No proton events are expected at geosynchronous orbit.

The greater than 2 MeV electron flux at geosynchronous orbit is expected to be at moderate to high levels from 07-26 May and 02 Jun. Normal to moderate levels are expected over 27 May - 01 Jun. All enhancements in electron flux are attributed to the anticipation of influence from multiple, recurrent CH HSSs.

Geomagnetic field activity is expected to range from quiet to G2 (moderate) geomagnetic storm levels. G2 (Moderate) storm levels are likely on 17 May; G1 (Minor) storm levels are likely on 07 May and 02 Jun; active conditions are likely on 08-09 May, 18 May and 01 Jun; unsettled levels are likely on 10 May and 19 May. The remainder of the outlook period is expected to be mostly quiet. All enhancements to geomagnetic activity are due to multiple, recurrent CH HSSs.

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# UTC Date	Radio Flux 10.7 cm	Planetary A Index	Largest Kp Index
2018 May 07	68	20	5
2018 May 08	68	16	4
2018 May 09	68	12	4
2018 May 10	68	8	3
2018 May 11	68	5	2
2018 May 12	68	5	2
2018 May 13	70	5	2
2018 May 14	72	5	2
2018 May 15	72	5	2
2018 May 16	72	5	2
2018 May 17	72	42	6
2018 May 18	72	12	4
2018 May 19	72	8	3
2018 May 20	72	5	2
2018 May 21	72	5	2
2018 May 22	72	5	2
2018 May 23	72	5	2

2018 May 24	72	5	2
2018 May 25	72	5	2
2018 May 26	70	5	2
2018 May 27	68	5	2
2018 May 28	68	5	2
2018 May 29	68	5	2
2018 May 30	68	5	2
2018 May 31	68	5	2
2018 Jun 01	68	18	4
2018 Jun 02	68	25	5

(SWPC via WORLD OF RADIO 1929, DXLD)

FIRST SPORADIC E FM DX OF THE SEASON, MAY 7

Hi Guys: Well, I took my 50 foot tower and APS-14, 14 element beam down last Fall. It had been up there for about 20 Years. It was time to Downsize and make things more manageable if I have to service the antenna. Getting too old to deal with 50 foot towers and BIG antennas. I left the bottom 8 foot section of the tower in the cement and I am using it to support a 20 foot pole for my new FM beam. I am now using the INNOV 8 element beam (from England), and it's at the 19 foot mark on the pole. It seems to be working just fine as I am hearing stations across Lake Erie with RDS and HD signals even in Bad conditions. My locals/semi locals are not nearly as strong now which should help me when the DX rolls in this year!

The first Es of the Season occurred last night to Florida on May 7th and we had another opening today May 8th to Texas. Last year the first Es noted on FM was on May 16th, so we are a little earlier this year!
(Rob Ross, London Ont., WTFDA gg via WORLD OF RADIO 1929, DXLD)

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